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MRS. F. B. ZIMMERMAN

## ARC GRAY LADY, HOSPITAL MARK 11 YEARS' SERVICE

Oak Knoll was 11 years old on 1 July, and on the same date Mrs. Frederick B. Zimmerman had completed 11 years of service as a Red Cross Gray Lady here.

"The townspeople were as eager to help back in 1942 as they are now," Mrs. Zimmerman reminisced when she realized Wednesday was a milestone, both for the hospital and for her.

"Captain Frederick R. Hook (Commanding Officer at the hospital from September 1942 to November 1943) capped 50 of us at the Red Cross Lounge, which was then at the Officers' Club; and with two paid staff workers, we began our chores—distributing comfort articles, reading and writing letters, shopping and making phone calls for men coming in from the South Pacific. Lots of mornings we came in to 'stripe' uniforms for the men, and sometimes we ran a pressing service."

"Only a few wards were in commission then," Mrs. Zimmerman recalled, "and because of limited staff and lack of space, all types of cases were treated on the same wards—you might find blind patients, amputees, and burn cases in the same row of beds."

During World War II the Gray Ladies spent two or three days a week at the hospital. Now, Mrs. Zimmerman, the only "original Gray Lady" still on duty, reports once a week, and "I enjoy the work just as much as I did 11 years ago," she said.

In addition to her work here, Mrs. Zimmerman makes a home for her husband, who is principal of a school in West Oakland. They have two sons—Bob, 24, an aeronautical engineer in Los Angeles, and Neil, 20, a junior at Stanford.

## CO Awards Six Citations, Medals

First Lieutenant Alva D. Howard, Jr., USMC, received the Gold Star in lieu of a second Air Medal; and five enlisted men received the Purple Heart in ceremonies held in Captain Gordon's office Wednesday morning.

LT Howard's newest citation was "for meritorious acts while participating in aerial flight against the enemy while attached to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Korea from 4 March to 18 March 1953."

The lieutenant "successfully completed his twenty-first through thirtieth missions against the enemy where enemy fire was either expected or received. His courageous actions and devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Readers of THE OAK LEAF will remember that LT Howard was "talked down" to safety by a fellow pilot after he was hit and momentarily blinded. His wounds resulted in loss of his left eye. Now being fitted with a prosthetic eye, he is able to subsist out with his wife, Marguerite, who came here from Royal Oak, Mich., to join him.

Among the group receiving the Purple Heart was PFC Henry Curley, full-blooded Navajo Indian from the Ganado, Ariz., mission station. An amputee patient, he will be at Oak Knoll for some time, and his plans after that are to "be a happy American citizen."

PFC Howard S. Pierson, wounded first on 27 March and again on 9 April, doesn't know what it was that blew off his right leg and necessitated amputation of his left, but he does know what he will do after completing his treatment and training at Oak Knoll. He plans to return to his

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## Change of Command 7 July

CAPT Bruce E. Bradley, MC, USN, reported aboard last Saturday and has spent the past week becoming oriented to his new command, which he will take over from Captain Gordon at ceremonies scheduled for 1000 Tuesday in Gendreau Circle in front of the Administration Building.

Captain Bradley, a native of Raleigh, North Carolina, has been in the Navy for 26 years. He comes to

Oak Knoll from Key West, Florida, after serving as Commanding Officer of the Naval Hospital there for the past two years.

Captain Gordon, Oak Knoll's Executive Officer from October 1949 to March 1951, and Commanding Officer since that time, will report to Philadelphia early in August to take over his new assignment as District Medical Officer, Fourth Naval District.

## LT Stutler Leaves for BuMed

LT David R. Stutler's many friends at Oak Knoll bid him a reluctant goodbye Thursday when he left for Washington, D.C., and a new assignment in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

Mr. Stutler had been on the staff since August 1949, when he came from the Naval School of Hospital Administration, NNMC, Bethesda, Md., to serve as Record Officer. He has since been assistant to the Chief of the Personnel and Records Division, and for the past year has served as assistant to the Administrative Officer.

Originally from Wolf Summit, West Va., and in the Navy since 1934, the Medical Services Corps officer's assignments have taken him to USNH, Philadelphia; the USS RELIEF, USNH, Samson, N.Y.; NAS, Alameda; Naval Distribution Center, Shoemaker; and the USNS, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He was aboard the USS EDWARD RUTLEDGE (AP52) which was sunk in action during the invasion of North Africa in WW II.

During his Navy career Mr. Stutler has studied both at University of California, where he took an advanced course in sanitation, and at Stanford University, where he completed a course in Naval Administration.



LT D. R. STUTLER

One of the highlights of Mr. Stutler's tour of duty here was his marriage in November 1949 to LT Edna Mae Ramsay, then in charge of the Navy nurses' indoctrination course at this hospital. Since she was transferred to USNH, Mare Island, some time ago to serve as Assistant Chief Nurse, the Stutlers have lived in Vallejo, thus making him one of the champ commuters on the compound. Mrs. Stutler is hoping for a change of orders that will soon take her to the East Coast, preferably in or around Washington, D.C.



These six Marines shared honors at an award ceremony in the Commanding Officer's office Wednesday morning. They are, left to right, PFC Henry Curley of Ganado, Ariz.; PFC Howard S. Pierson, Forest Hills, Long Island, N.Y.; SGT Malcolm L. Cleary, Easton, Md.; PFC Glenn M. Breeding, St. Louis, Mo., all of whom received the Purple Heart; 1st LT Alva D. Howard, temporarily of Oakland, who received the gold star in lieu of a second Air Medal; and CPL Ronald E. Wilkinson, Canton, Ill., another wearer of the Purple Heart.



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U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.

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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

July the Fourth—what meaning does it have for us? Just about everything that has value in it for our daily living. I can't imagine how pauper stricken we would be in the United States without the meaning of this great day in our lives. Why, it was the day in 1776 that thirteen colonies broke their allegiance to the mother country, Great Britain. The reasons for that cleavage are well underlined in our history books, and there were many, many reasons—too numerous to enumerate.

The important thing for you and me to remember is that from that divorcement came the historical document known as the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are LIFE, LIBERTY and the pursuit of HAPPINESS."

In a confused age such awakening thoughts do not come from wishful thinking, but such a strong thought was forged from the blast furnaces of absolute despotism; the idea deepened and strengthened as lonely men and women began to carve their homes out of a wilderness. Now today, like a great beacon, these men and their thoughts light up the darkness of our atomic age—LIFE, LIBERTY and the pursuit of HAPPINESS. As once again we stand on the abyss of tyranny, dictatorship, and darkness, let us reflect on these things and thank God for the Spirit of 1776.

R. E. JENKINS, Protestant Chaplain.

## Today's Menu

Those who are aboard for Independence Day dinner today will "eat hearty"—judging from the menu, which includes everything from minestrone to apple pie with sliced cheese.

Grilled New York steaks with mushroom sauce will be the piece de resistance, with radishes, ripe and green olives, celery branches, French fries, corn on the cob, fresh garden peas, lettuce and tomato salad with French dressing, hot parkerhouse rolls and butter, coffee, milk, and tea to fill in the chinks, to say nothing of cigarettes and cigars, and a souvenir menu to send to the home folks.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030  
Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES  
0600-0800-0900-1200  
DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630  
Confessions before Mass  
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel  
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN  
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON  
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

## MEAL PRICES RAISED

Effective 1 July the price of meals will be "upped" as follows:

Charges for officers will be 50 cents for breakfast, one dollar for dinner, and 75 cents for supper, and civilian personnel electing to eat at the mess hall will be charged at the same rate.

Enlisted personnel on commuted rations eating at the mess will pay 25 cents for breakfast, 55 cents for dinner and 30 cents for supper.

## No 12ND Observance Planned for WAVES

No formal district-wide observance of the twelfth anniversary of the WAVES in July is scheduled this year, according to LCDR Anne King, 12ND staff headquarters. Present plans are to concentrate efforts on the fifteenth anniversary in 1956.

A diamond is one of the hardest substances known to man, particularly to get back.



Three new Red Cross workers completed a three-week course of training here last Friday. After a briefing period in the Red Cross area office, they were sent to Oak Knoll, which is the only facility where such training is offered. While here the young women observed and participated in Red Cross activities and were given lectures on various phases of the work they will be doing. The new workers are pictured, left to right: Margaret Smith, Kathy McGrath, and Roberta Schwarzrock. Miss Smith will remain on the staff here as a Recreation Aide. Miss McGrath has been assigned to Fort Ord, and Miss Schwarzrock has gone to Travis Air Force Base.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### MOVIE MARQUEE

The Red Cross movies featured for the week of 8 July through 14 July are "Last of the Comanches," which stars Broderick Crawford and Barbara Hale, and "The Bad and the Beautiful" with Lana Turner and Kirk Douglas.

### HOW'S TRICKS?

Every Tuesday afternoon at the lounge a group of men can be seen looking intently at their cards and determinedly announcing bids. Bridge lessons are in session from 1400 to 1600, and special attention is given to beginners. Everyone is welcome to attend these sessions. Increase your popularity and learn how not to "trump your partner's ace." Mrs. Edith Vandevor, Berkeley Gray Lady, gives expert instruction on all phases of bridge.

### WHODUNITS

For mystery fans there are innumerable mystery novels at the Red Cross recreation room, room 212, topside in the Community Services building. Come up and browse around. Also available are westerns and novels; so help yourself and pass them on.

### FISH FACTS

The aquarium in the lounge features varied and attractive tropical fish. Some afternoon spend a while by the fish tank and watch these fascinating creatures. Many fish fanciers say that each fish has distinct personality. There is even a "nursery section" where the baby fish flourish. If you are interested in keeping fish as a hobby, inquire in the lounge office for equipment and stock.

### HUNTING PARTY

A hunting we will go! The men of ward 71A went on a ward hunting party recently and proved their skill at bagging lions, bears and deer. It was all in fun even if official-looking hunting licenses and red hunting hats were issued by the Gray Lady when a lucky target shooter secured a high mark on the bullseye. To see how well they knew animal terminology, the men participated in a game called "Families In The Animal Kingdom." Some discussion arose over whether a baby frog was officially called a tadpole or a polwog. No decision! Refreshments were served to the weary nimrods.



One stop on the itinerary for 27 U. C. students and public health people who visited the hospital recently, was the diet kitchen, where ENS Joseph E. Honish, Jr., acted as guide. Their trip here was made in conjunction with the University's workshop on "The Health Aspects of Survival," which is being conducted on the Berkeley campus by Dr. W. W. Stiles, West Coast Medical Director of Civil Defense, Associate Professor of Public Health, U. C., and consultant for Oak Knoll's Environmental Sanitation School. The visitors also saw the Physical and Occupational Therapy departments, the Artificial Limb Department, and of course, the EST School.



## SCUTTLEBUTT

FOUR MEN IN A BOAT longer than they wanted to be last week end were V. D. Smithers, E. A. Derrick, J. L. Shearin, and H. H. Powell. This quartet and another composed of Seymour Nussenblatt, B. R. Schultz, L. E. Hooser, and H. R. Landry, at Al Tahoe for the week end, took to the wide waters of the world's largest and highest fresh water lake. Eventually agreeing they'd acquired enough tan for one day, the young sailors turned their boats toward shore: Nussenblatt & Co. putt-putted merrily along, unaware that the others were hanging back from anything but choice — their motor had conked out and the first foursome ROWED five miles to shore.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: Helen Anderson of the Lab and Bob Jones, a happy civilian as of two weeks ago, became Mr. and Mrs. yesterday in a Lutheran church ceremony attended by friends of the couple . . . Martha Thompson of CivPers is wearing a diamond and planning a January wedding . . . the Nurse Corps' Whitfield Twins have twin orders to USNH, Yokosuka, Japan . . . Commissary men are luxuriating in Building 35, where their windows are draped with filmy curtains . . . Welcome to our rival publication, THE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE BULLETIN, attached to civilians' pay checks last Friday . . . HMI H. M. Proper wheeled his Buick home to Beloit, Wis., on leave, brought his folks back with him for a look at the Bay Area . . . LCDR Shurtleff's daughter, Virginia, will be married in Castro Valley today to CPL Edward Nowakowski, USMC, of Albany, N. Y. Virginia works at Naval Supply Center, Oakland, and "Ski," a veteran of 11 months service in Korea, has been on duty there since last September . . . Lottie and Theodore Hackney of Commissary, Emory (Firefighting) and Fanny Pettigrew of the nursing staff are among the husband and wife teams on the staff . . . Lily Stribling is leaving her medical social work to spend some time with her mother in Texas . . . The cake cut by way of farewell to LT Dave Stutler had a map of the entire U.S. on top, plus a flag with 48 stars and the words, "Stutler—Bureau Bound."

LIFE BEGINS DEPARTMENT: Navy LT William P. Crittendon is passing cigars to fellow patients on Ward 6B to celebrate the arrival on 27 June of six-pound Nancy Lee, third child of him and his wife, Gloria. Edna Mardase is a grandma again — it's a title girl named Jodi.

OAKNOLLUMNI: Kay Stuart of Red Cross recreation writes that she had a happy reunion with RADM S. Cook, new CO at USNH, Portsmouth, Va., when she reported for duty there . . . CWOHC Paul Dias was here from Mare Island this week to renew old friendships, and LCDR Frank Thornburg of the Fleet Marines was here Tuesday for the same purpose, looking young and jaunty with a new butch haircut . . . CDR Richard Ohl broke into print recently when local papers pictured him surrounded by a group of Korean children whom he helped to entertain on Father's Day.

## Four Oak Knoll Staff Officers Promoted in Rank



CDR DEAN SCHUFELDT

Four Oak Knoll officers — LCDR Dean Schufeldt and LCDR Earle G. Canfield of the Medical Corps, LT Robert E. Jenkins, Chaplains Corps, and LT E. J. Shurtleff, Medical Service Corps, this week received word that they have been promoted, their new rank dating back to 1 June.

Doctor Schufeldt, now assigned to the Neurosurgery Service, is promoted to Commander, after ten years in the Navy. Commissioned in the Naval Reserve in July 1941, he went on active duty in August 1943 and signed over to the regular Navy in June 1944. This is his second tour of duty at Oak Knoll. He was first assigned here from September 1947 to September 1949 and in December 1951 returned here from an assignment in Kodiak, Alaska.

He is originally from Hyannis, Neb., and is a graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha. He and his wife, Phyllis, have two daughters, Sheila Jean,



CDR E. G. CANFIELD



LCDR R. E. JENKINS

8, and Linda Lea, 5. All are Oaklanders at present.

The other new "three striper," CDR Canfield, is a resident doctor



LCDR E. J. SHURTLEFF

on the Urology Service. A native of Ashland, Ore., he is a graduate of the University of Oregon Medical School. He was commissioned in July 1942 in Portland, and has since studied for a year under Navy auspices on a fellowship at Tulane University, New Orleans, La. He has been at Oak Knoll since December 1951, reporting here from USNS. Rodman, Canal Zone. He and his wife, Florence, make their home in Oakland. They have three children—James, 6, Sally, 3, and Robert Scott, 2.

LCDR Robert E. Jenkins is a New Yorker by birth, but he has received his education at Ricker Junior College in Maine, Colby College and Cornell University in New York, and San Francisco State University. He earned his Bachelor of Divinity degree at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School and came into the Navy in July 1944.

He was ordered to Oak Knoll in February 1952 from the USS GENERAL MITCHELL. He and his wife, Verona, son Donovan, 13, and daughter, Robin, 7, are living in Danville.

LCDR Shurtleff, head of the Personnel and Records Division here since 14 July 1952, has been in the Navy for 26 years.

As a hospital corpsman, he served aboard the USS SARATOGA and the USS PENNSYLVANIA and at Naval Hospitals at Mare Island, Pearl Harbor, Pensacola, and Jacksonville. Early in World War II he received orders to Advance Base 1, Londonderry, Northern Ireland, and helped establish a Navy hospital there. It was during that tour of duty that he was promoted to ensign.

His family includes his wife, Zora, two daughters, Virginia, 20, who works in the Security Division at Naval Supply Center, Oakland, and Janet, 13, a student at Castro Valley Grammar School, and a son, Howard, 15, now vacationing from Hayward High.

### Ahoy Shutterbugs! Jane Russell in Exhibit

Are there any shutterbugs among our readers who would like to take a picture of Jane Russell in person? Well, they'll have their chance at the International Photographers' Exhibition Saturday, 4 July, at the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. Miss Russell and other beautiful women models will be on hand to pose for professional and amateur photographers. The bus leaves at 1300. Patients and staff are invited.



"Know how!" was emphasized recently in presenting this display in the Educational Services Building, in connection with a lecture and demonstration on the Disaster or Battle Casualty Kit. The demonstration was made by Joseph Sklinchar, HMI. This is an example of the practical instruction given non-rated staff Corpsmen in regular Hospital Corps classes here. Lectures on various phases of training are supplemented by displays, demonstrations, and actual practice in situations encountered by Corpsmen on duty.





PFC Francis (Pancho) Ramirez of Puerto Rico, Korean veteran and Oak Knoll patient, gives an impromptu concert at the Oakland USO for (left to right) AB3 George Robison, of NAS, Alameda; William Penn Mott, Oakland park superintendent, and William Dann, manager of the Oakland VA Hospital. Mott has been appointed chairman and Dann vice-chairman of the 1953 United Crusade fund drive among public employees. The United Crusade, which gets underway in the fall, supports six East Bay health and welfare agencies, among them the USO, and personnel at Oak Knoll have given generously the last two years to make the annual campaign a success.

## Welcome and Farewell

Activity in the Personnel Office was relatively slow during the past week with 18 reporting for duty and 7 detached or discharged.

Reporting for duty were: CAPT Bruce E. Bradley, MC, USNR from USNH, Key West, Florida; CDR William B. Johnson, DC, USN, from NROTC Unit, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.; LT Myron H. Green, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT Lina Stearns, NC, USN, from USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; LTJG Louis L. Johnson, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; D. E. Farris, HMI, from USNTC, Great Lakes, Illinois; A. G. Tirona, HMI, from USN Medical School, Bethesda, Md.; D. M. Sorensen, HM3, USNHCS, San Diego, Calif.; G. A. Webster, HM3, from Treasure Island, San Francisco; HN's M. Perry, USNHCS, San Diego, Calif., and L. Smith (W) from Great Lakes, Ill.; and HA's S. Champlin (W), J. H. Jacobsen, E. Di Ioli (W).

J. L. Pennock (W), P. A. Zimmerman (W), from Great Lakes, Ill.; HA's D. L. Gallagher (W), and B. W. Hale, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were:

N. P. Green, HM3 (W), and R. J. Prather, HN, to USNH, San Diego, Calif.

LT Elizabeth M. Buchley, NC, USN, LT Evelyn M. Lanthier, NC, USNR, LTJG Muriel E. Johnson, MSC, USNR; and HM3's J. L. Mann and J. G. Poehling were released to inactive duty.

## Five Patients Given Purple Hearts

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home in Forest Hills, New York, and enter law school at Fordham University.

PFC Glenn M. Breeding, hit in the jaw by an enemy burp gun while serving as a BAR man, plans to go into the bricklaying business with his father in Amarillo, Tex., when he is discharged.

SGT Malcolm L. Cleary of Easton, Maryland, overseas eight months before he was put out of action by an enemy mortar shell, plans to return to school when he is discharged. He has been in the Marine Corps more than eight years.

CPL Ronald E. Wilkinson, wounded in the forehead by enemy shrapnel while serving as fire team leader as his outfit was trying to recapture Outpost Vegas, had been in the service for a year and six months before he "got his." A carpenter before he entered the service, he will probably return to his former job.

## All Hands Invited Oaks' Double-Header

All hands have been invited to attend a double-header between the Oaks and Seattle on Thursday, 9 July. Buses will leave at 1730 from the Community Services Building. Plan now to attend the game—and be sure to notify Special Services so a seat will be reserved for you.

## Navy Issues New Clothing Prices

A new price list on clothing and small stores has been released by the Navy. The new prices, some of which are listed here, became effective 1 July.

	Old Price	New Price
Blankets, wool, crew	\$ 8.00	\$ 7.65
Hats, white	.70	.65
Jumpers		
Blue, dress	9.50	9.05
Blue, undress	6.90	7.00
Neckerchiefs	.75	.65
Overcoats, enlisted men	25.00	24.25
Raincoat, enlisted men	11.90	11.70
Rating Badges		
CPO — gold	3.50	3.20
CPO—silver	2.15	2.00
Shoes		
Leather, black, low	5.40	5.20
Leather, black, high	5.00	5.20
Trousers		
Blue, cloth	8.80	8.90
White	2.10	2.20
Undershirts, cotton	.45	.40

The following items of WAVE clothing have been affected:

	Old Price	New Price
Handbags, black	\$7.00	\$ 6.70
Overcoats, enlisted women	40.00	35.00
Raincoat, wool with liner	36.00	33.60
Shoes		
dress, pump, black	5.25	5.00
service, oxford, black	4.50	4.20
Skirts		
Navy, blue, serge	5.10	5.80
Uniforms		
Navy, blue, serge	23.00	21.00
Grey, seersucker	5.00	4.00

## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 5 July

THE CITY IS DARK—Sterling Hayden, Gene Nelson, DRAMA. Rating: Very good. This one should prove to be a little gem for movie-goers who like the "cops and robbers" type of production. It's about a police sergeant on the trail of three escaped convicts who hide out with an ex-con, hold a wife hostage, attempt a bank robbery, and stage a battle royal.

Saturday, 11 July

HIAWATHA — Vincent Edwards, Yvonne Dugay, DRAMADVENTURE. Rating: Excellent. Although the dialogue isn't in poetic form, the tale is told in near-poetic fashion to come near the beauty of Longfellow's famous work.

## NOTICE

The main auditorium will be closed from Monday, 6 July, through Friday, 10 July, while the floor is being resurfaced. During that time there will be no movies shown.

## Swimming Instruction Started for Children

Swimming instruction began at the Knoll pool Thursday for children between the ages of four and twelve. The course will last six weeks. There are 44 children signed up for the lessons, and these have been divided into four groups with an instructor in charge of each group.

The class hours are from 0700 to 1100, twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Instructors at the pool are M. J. Gillette, HM2, and HM3's O. L. Lile, A. H. Dearing, and J. W. Davis.

## Staff Personalities

A home town boy who was mighty glad to be assigned to Oak Knoll was Don Pusich, HM3, who reported to the compound last October. He entered the Navy in October of 1950 and after his "boot" training at San Diego he was shipped to sea on the USS ONSLOW for sixteen months. While at sea he was a striker for

hospital corpsman and finally was sent to Corps School back in San Diego. When he reported here he was assigned first to SOQ Ward 66A, then to 62A as Treatment Room Corpsman, and finally to his present job in the Inside MAA office. Don's wife, Leila, is also an Oaklander. For recreation Don likes cricket from a spectator viewpoint and plays baseball, football, and goes swimming.



Someone far from home is Jam Tinsley, DN3, from Paducah, Kentucky, who works at the Dental Clinic. He came into the Navy in May of 1952, was sent to San Diego for recruit training and from there to Dental School. Last December Jam reported to Oak Knoll and was assigned to the Dental Clinic. His

here now is working with Doctor Leshner. James is an avid sportsman and his golfing proves this point with his score around the "80's." Many THE OAK LEAF readers may remember James when he was manager of the Dental softball team. For the future his plans include attending Northwestern University School of Dentistry and marrying an Oakland girl.



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## CAPT Gordon Detached; To Become 4ND DMO



Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, left, and Captain Bruce E. Bradley are Oak Knoll's sixth and seventh Commanding Officers. They met at USNH, Chelsea, 26 years ago when both were lieutenants, junior grade.

## CAPT Bradley Reports From Key West to Take Command

Captains J. N. C. Gordon and Bruce E. Bradley read their orders Tuesday morning before military and civilian personnel who could be spared from their duties, patients, and visitors who assembled in Gendreau Circle for the ceremony that marked another change of command for Oak Knoll.

Captain Gordon, ordered to Philadelphia to serve as District Medical Officer, Fourth Naval District, thanked his shipmates here for their loyalty and devotion to duty during his tour of duty as Executive Officer from October 1949 to March 1951 and as CO since that time.

Referring to this command as "the best job I've had during my 28 years in the Navy Medical Corps," he pointed out the fact that Oak Knoll is recognized everywhere as one of the outstanding hospitals in the Navy. He spoke of the difficulties involved in a position such as this, "but with your backing," he told naval personnel and civilian workers, "the job has been pleasant and easy."

In conclusion, he stated that he and Mrs. Gordon plan eventually to make their home in this area and will look forward to seeing again the many friends they are leaving here at the hospital.

Captain Bradley, ordered here from Key West, Florida, after being in command of the hospital there for the past two years, congratulated Captain Gordon and the staff on the outstanding professional standards and high morale at Oak Knoll and expressed his confidence that the staff will continue to serve the best

interests of the patients and the United States Navy.

Third speaker on the program was Captain Julian Love, Executive Officer, who will leave 15 July for his new assignment as Commanding Officer at USNH, Corona, California. The Exec thanked the staff for making this a pleasant tour of duty for him and his family, and he commended to the staff his relief, Captain Herman Gross, who is to report aboard in mid-August, referring to him as "one of the top-notch surgeons in the entire Navy." Captain Gross is now serving as Fleet Medical Officer on the staff of the Commander in Chief, Atlantic Fleet, the post Captain Gordon held prior to being ordered to Oak Knoll.

### IN NAVY SINCE 1926

Captain Bradley, Oak Knoll's new skipper, has been in the Navy since 19 June 1926, when he was commissioned a lieutenant junior grade in the Medical Corps after receiving his MD from the University of Virginia Medical School.

Early in his Navy career the captain served in a variety of billets, at sea and ashore. He was with the Marines in Nicaragua, served in China, the Philippines, at NAS, Lakehurst, N.J.; Brooklyn Naval Hospital, and the Naval Training Station, Newport, R.I. He also had tours of duty aboard the USS ROCHESTER and the USS MINDANAO. One of his most unusual assignments took him to the Pribiloff Islands as medical officer aboard the USS CAPELLA when the Department of Interior, through agreement with Japan and Russia, undertook to

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## Enlisted Recreation Committee Adds Six New Members

Six new members were added to the Enlisted Recreation Committee this week, and at the 6 July meeting, the new and old members began making arrangements for a staff picnic, tentatively set for 25 July.

HMC R. W. Pahl will continue to act as chairman of the committee. His seasoned assistants are HM1 L. G. Porter; HM3's J. M. McAsey and

L. E. Hooser, and HN M. G. Borkan. New members of the committee are HM3's B. B. McNatt, W. D. Casey and S. L. Bradford; HN's F. B. Houghton and J. B. Fay; and DKS N. E. F. Pon.



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

No man can long respect his brother if he has lost his respect for his God. For God is the common denominator in all human relationships. It is His laws and His principles which guide us and once we lose sight of them it is a case of the blind leading the blind. That is the trouble with too many of our humanitarians. They are so wrapped up in love of brotherhood that they overlook the fatherhood of God. Humanity becomes a God in itself and man is considered as a being who may reach perfection by his own efforts. Anyone who knows anything about the make-up of human nature knows that nothing could be more absurd. Dictators have a brotherhood of their own, and brother, you know what that led to. It is foolish to speak of ourselves as brothers unless we recognize God as our Father. The old saying, "It happens in the best of families," refers to a human brotherhood divorced from God its Father. Humanity indeed is a great family and the brotherhood of man the great ideal, but how can a family be happy or the brothers be really brotherly unless the Head of the Family assumes His rightful place? God and Man together are an unbeatable combination. The Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of Man—it will work together—but God help us if we humans try to go it alone.

CHAPLAIN C. B. KNIGHT  
Catholic Chaplain.

## CAPT Bradley Now in Command

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foster the rapidly-dwindling seal industry in Alaska.

In 1941 he took the command course at the Naval War College, Newport, R.I., and was subsequently ordered to the South Pacific as Senior Medical Officer of a Navy Advance Base Unit that set up dispensaries at New Caledonia and Guadalcanal and organized a 600-bed hospital at Bougainville. He later served as Commanding Officer of a Naval Hospital at Finchaven, New Guinea.

For his outstanding work in treating the wounded at Bougainville, Captain Bradley received the Legion of Merit, and among the other ribbons he wears is the Nicaraguan

Medal of Merit, given him by the President of Nicaragua for meritorious service during his tour of duty with the Marines in that area.

Before his last assignment as CO at Key West, the new skipper had served as executive officer of the Naval Hospitals at Bethesda, Md., and Long Beach, Calif., and had been on the Planning Division of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery prior to holding those administrative posts.

Throughout his Navy medical career, internal medicine has been his specialty.

Captain Bradley's wife, Gertrude, is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass. They have a 20-year-old daughter, Betsy, who will be a senior at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., this fall, and a 17-year-old son, Bruce, who will continue his studies at Mount Hermon School, Mount Hermon, Mass., in September. The family drove across country from Key West via Boston, Yellowstone National Park, and other points of interest.

### NOTICE

The swimming pool will secure at 2000 instead of 2100 on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the next month, while lifesaving classes are in progress.

### El Camino Rod and Gun Club Plans Sunday Picnic

The El Camino Rod and Gun Club invites patients and staff to a picnic tomorrow, Sunday, 12 July, at Rissotti's Bear Park. There will be refreshments and fun for all. Transportation will be furnished, and the bus is scheduled to leave at 1000.



In answer to many requests for wood carving by patients at the Red Cross craft shop, Gladis Christiana, staff worker in charge, arranged a demonstration and exhibit of wood carving by Charles H. Vandermeer, which is being given the once-over here by PVT O. Farias of 49B, Donald Card, SA, 43A, Charles H. Vandermeer, Miss Christiana, Charles P. Kempton, CT of 49A and James Klem, AD3, of 49B.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### MOVIE MARQUEE

The Red Cross movie featured for the week of 15 July through 21 July will be a drama, "Gunsmoke," starring Audie Murphy and Susan Cabot.

### TALENT UNLIMITED

The all-patients dance band proved to have unlimited talent recently at one of the Thursday night Lounge dances. John Archibald played the piano, Fred Devoe, TN, sang and also played piano, while Archibald arranged for the next number. Isaac Manson, CS, could be heard slapping the old bass fiddle and Edsal Hendricks, TN, was featured on the drums when Eddie Jones, AN, relinquished the drum sticks to sing for the dance crowd.

Join the afternoon jam sessions at the Lounge from 1400 to 1600 hours.

### DANCE TIME

Friday night is the dance for one and all,

You can come if you're short or tall,

Be on hand, there's square dancing here

At the Red Cross Lounge which is very near,

If your choice is a slower dance, Don't fret cuz you'll have your chance

There will be hostesses here, So come over and join the cheer.

1900 to 2045 hours.

### HOLD IT!

"That's fine, keep that pose," might very well be comments heard this Saturday afternoon, 11 July, when two sketchers will be on the compound. A very near likeness of yourself to send back home to a friend or relative can be sketched "while you wait" by these talented artists. They will be on the wards from 1400 to 1600. Have fun watching that picture develop. If you are interested in sketching and would like art materials, contact your ward recreation worker or Miss Nahl at Red Cross, topside in the Community Services Building.

### CORNER DRUG STORE ADDICTS

An evening at "the corner drug store" provided the theme for the Gray Lady activities on Ward 63A recently. A donation of money given by the Col. John J. Astor Auxiliary of the V.F.W. No. 999 provided for this unusual activity. Most popular

spot of the evening was the "soda fountain" where honest-to-goodness sundaes could be ordered. Bowe Boyd, SN, Sam Sproules, ENC, P. 1 Huisman, BMSA, and Bernard Magayna, SA, specialized in banana splits, which were unquestionably the most popular item on the delicious bill of fare. Also featured were Oak Knoll Specials (cantaloupe filled with ice cream), Red Cross Tutti Frutti (fresh strawberry sundaes), Corpsman's Delight (hot fudge sundaes) and Treasure Islands.

A dart board with drug store terminology pictured served as a shopping center. Each patient received in kind the article he hit. SGT S. C. Bn Roberts Quintana, SA, and Benjamin Walker, SDC (Ret.) report that they were rewarded with very useful items. A Gray Lady in charge of scale usually found in all drug stores attempted weight guessing. D. Swanson, RMSN, can assure you that it was all in fun. The ward was gal decorated with colorful balloons which were given to each patient whose correct weight she missed more than ten pounds. Everyone joins in sincere thanks to the V.F.W. Auxiliary group which made this delightful party such a success.

## CAUSE AND EFFECT CAN SPELL DANGER

An atomic bomb can go off in New Mexico and nobody sings a hair. A painter's cloth, left in the bottom of a waste chute, can destroy an institution and many of the people in it.

There often is, in other words, a fantastic disproportion between the "size" of a cause and the magnitude of its effect. The person who sees prevention only for disaster whipped before he starts, because a crystal ball will tell him what triviality may start the sequence.

Safety lies in control of as many unsafe conditions and unsafe practices as possible!

Safety has no "Sunday punch" even though accidents often do.

—Pensacola Safety News

Teacher: "Who defeated the Pilgrims?"

Johnny: "Notre Dame."

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN  
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON  
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015





Captain James G. Bulgrin

## Chief of X-Ray Leaves Oak Knoll

CAPT James G. Bulgrin, MC, USN, Chief of X-Ray, left Oak Knoll last Wednesday to assume new duties at USNH, Great Lakes, Illinois. CDR L. H. Barber, MC, USN, who reported here in April 1953 after finishing one year of residency training at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, took his place.

CAPT Bulgrin arrived here in February 1950, from USNH, Bethesda, Maryland.

A native of Chicago, CAPT Bulgrin has served in the Navy since January 1937. In the same year he attended USN Medical School at Washington, D.C., where he took a special course of instruction in radiology.

He worked for 20 months as medical officer aboard the submarine USS PROTEUS in World War II. Other duties have taken him to Naval Hospitals in Philadelphia, Mare Island, San Diego, Treasure Island, Charleston, S.C., Bethesda, Md., and New York. CAPT Bulgrin was also stationed in Guam as assistant medical officer at one time.

He and his wife, Emma, have two children, James G., Jr., age 12, and Constance, 15.

## New Golf Team Captain Replaces CDR Dillon

The management of the Oak Knoll Golf team changed hands this week when CDR James Dillon, MC, USN, left for San Diego. The new captain of the team is James Tinsley, DN.

The team played at Mare Island Wednesday, 8 July, at 1300, but no results or details of the contest were available for publication when this paper went to press.

## Boat Ride Sponsored by Oakland Navy Mothers

The Oakland Navy Mothers' Club is sponsoring a boat ride Tuesday, 14 July. Twenty patients are invited. Hurry and sign up now for the cruise on San Francisco Bay. The bus will leave at 0930.

A customer sat down in a smart restaurant and tied his napkin around his neck. The manager asked the waiter to make the man understand it isn't done here, but be tactful.

"Shave or haircut, sir?" the waiter asked.

## SCUTTLEBUTT

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS: HN Freddie Houghton shot 82 at Chabot golf course the other day and is now recovering from a swollen chest and a severe sunburn... speaking of sports, everyone is looking forward to the "Concours d'Elegance," which is the name the Four Cylinder Club of America, Bay Chapter, gives to the show it is bringing to Oak Knoll's athletic field on Sunday, 26 July. Some 60 sport cars of all makes will be there with their owners grooming them for competition in cleanliness and whatever else sports cars compete in (though there'll be no racing on the compound). CDR Roland Christensen, who parks his ivory MG on the Circle each morning when he reports for duty in the maternity department, is a member of the Four Cylinder Club... W. E. Scott, HM1, is back on the MAA force after six months' duty at the Nevada Proving Grounds, Mercury, Nev... Mrs. Freda Love arrived last Thursday from New York for a visit with her son, CAPT Julian Love, Mrs. Love, and the three young Loves, planning her trip so that she could see both Oak Knoll and Corona. She hadn't planned to fall and break her arm three days after her arrival... Bev Hoffman has been working too long in the maternity section. It's gotten so she hears babies crying—even when she's in her room at WAVE Quarters... No patient ever had more tender and efficient care than Special Services' O. L. Liles had Wednesday night. At the pool giving instruction in lifesaving, he slipped, hit his big toenail on the ladder, and had to be rushed to the Admission Room for treatment. There LTJG John A. Ottum, assisted by Admission Room Treatment Corpsman Chuck Hamilton, draped him for surgery and carefully removed the damaged toenail...

### LIFE BEGINS DEPARTMENT:

1st LT Michael J. Shinka didn't have far to go this week to visit his wife, Jennie. She moved into 73B and on 7 July presented him a 7 lb. 9½ oz. baby girl, who was yet unnamed at press-time, since all the names on the list were for boys. The new baby has a six-year-old sister, Johanna... Prentice Beasley, BT3, USN, is another patient-father. His boy, Virgil John, tipped the scales at 6 pounds, 14½ ounces when he arrived on 3 July. Both he and his mother, Dawn, are doing nicely... Margaret Mary King, who usually sits behind the trouble desk at Maintenance, now has a little trouble of her own—Kirk Timothy, 10 lb. 1 oz., who was born at East Oakland Hospital on 28 June.

OAKNOLLUMNI: Earl Kallemeyn, late of the MAA force, is now a salesman for McKesson and Robbins... Jack Mecum, another security man, is now serving as a guard for the Bank of America at Sacramento... apologies to Captain Wickstrom and particularly to Otto, Jr., and Jefferson Medical College, where he will study—instead of at Hahnemann, as the 27 June LEAF erroneously reported... Dr. Ray Grew, back after ten months in Korea, stopped here Wednesday en route to Chelsea for duty.



Kenneth Coleman, left, formerly of MSTs, is rapidly becoming acquainted with his duties as Job Training Supervisor. He replaces Bill Melvin, right, who is now on duty at NSC, Oakland.

## Civilian Job Training Supervisor Leaves; Replacement Reports Here From MSTs

William Melvin, Supervisor of Job Training at Oak Knoll since January 1952, worked his last day on the compound last Friday and on that date was relieved by Kenneth Coleman, who comes to this job from a position as assistant supervisor of Job Training with the Military Sea Transport Service out of San Francisco.

Mr. Melvin resigned to accept a position at Naval Supply Center, Oakland, where he started working for the Navy several years ago as a Wage Classifier under the Employee Development program.

Before working for the Navy he had taught in the Pasadena schools. He holds a B.S. degree in political economy from the University of Illinois and his M.A. from the Claremont Colleges Graduate School.

He and Mrs. Melvin and their two daughters, Linda Dale, 18 months, and Susan Gale, 5 months, live in San Leandro.

Oak Knoll's new job training supervisor received his education at San Francisco College and Houston Law School. He makes his home in San Francisco with his wife, Florence.

## Fifteen Doctors, Four Nurses Receive Notice of Promotions This Week

Promotions came through in droves this week as four nurses, 14 staff doctors, and one dentist sewed new stripes on their sleeves.

Heading the list is LCDR Gale G. Clark, MC, USN, who is here for his third tour of duty and has served as head of the Neurosurgery Division since 28 January 1953. He received notice of his promotion to commander this week.

Four members of the Navy Nurse Corps who were advanced from LTJG are LT's Lenore S. Feagin, Mary Kal-

chik, Kathleen Marsh and Shirley A. Dobbs.

LT Richard M. Leshner of the Dental Corps is among those receiving congratulations this week, as are LT's Melvin M. Lipsett, Edward W. Miller, Stanley Diamond, Benjamin H. Flowe, Frank C. Eames, Herman C. Behla, Jr., Raymond J. Starrels, Roger A. MacKinnon, John S. Montgomery, Willard V. Thompson, Walton W. Shreeve, Douglas N. Jenks, Walter F. Stafford, Jr., all Medical Corps, USNR.



John Jessor plays a duet with himself as he gives out with a combination of guitar and harmonica. Accompanying him is Ray King with one of the song acts. They are part of a group of Civil Service employees from an MSTs transport which presented its hour-and-a-half show on 2 July in the main auditorium. Prior to its performance at Oak Knoll the show was played aboard the USNS GENERAL EDWIN D. PATRICK for over 6,000 troops and their dependents. The Patrick Variety Show was produced and directed by ship's officers Robert Brower and Irwin Maland.



# Welcome and Farewell

Once more this week the list of detached staff personnel outnumbered that of the incoming. All told, those who left Oak Knoll reached a total of 44 while 13 were detached or released to inactive duty.

Reporting for duty were: LTJG Edward M. Goldberg, MC, USNR, and LTJG Emanuel Salzman, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT Hedwig L. Kratz, NC, USN, from NAS, San Diego; LT Betty L. Baldwin, NC, USN and LTJG Mildred R. Levin, NC, USN from USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. W. Lowry, HMC, 12th ND Reserve and Recruit Training; C. O. Martin, HMC, 3rd MarDivFtMar Force, Camp Pendleton; R. E. Busko, HN, HCS, Great Lakes, Ill.; J. H. from Journalist School, Great Lakes, Ill.; HN's I. C. W. Orr, and J. A. Walker, from HCS, San Diego; O. C. Gordon, Jr., HA, from HCS, Great Lakes, Ill.; and B. Kayser, JOSA, from Journalist School, Great Lakes.

Detached were: CAPT James G. Bulgrin, MC, USN, to USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; LT Donald C. Fyler, MC, USNR to Com 12 for transportation to Guam, Marianas Islands; LT Peter C. Conglis, DC, USN, to NavStaDisp, T. I. for Advance Periodontic Residence Type Training Program; LTJG Granville J. Floyd, Jr., MC, USNR to Naval Shipyard, San Francisco; LTJG Harold A. Carswell, MC, USNR, to USS KEARSARGE CVA-33; LTJG William A. Glenn, MC, USNR to Mare Island Naval Shipyard for duty USS ROCHESTER, CA-124; LTJG Burwell M. Kennedy, MC, USNR to USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, T-APA-18; LTJG Duane E. Smith, MC, USNR and LTJG James Mushovic, MC, USNR, to Naval School of Aviation Medicine, NAS, Pensacola, Fla.; LTJG Bruce D. Jones, DC, USNR, to USS WINDHAM BAY T-CVE-92; LTJG Robert G. Whitfield, MC, USNR, to USS MONTAGUE AKA-98; LTJG Rufus W. Miller, MC, USNR to Commander, Destroyer Division 172 as Div. Medical Officer; LT David R. Stutler, MSC, USN, to BuMed, Washington, D.C.;



These performers are part of the troupe that entertained in Gendreau Circle for patients and staff Tuesday, 7 July. All are from Spain and are bettering friendly relations between Spain and other countries as they travel.

## Spanish Entertainers on World Tour Make Surprise Visit to Oak Knoll

Oak Knoll was invaded Tuesday, 7 July, by 100 Spanish dancers and singers in native costume, who performed in Gendreau Circle for more than an hour to an enthusiastic group of patients and staff that gathered there and dozens more who listened and watched from the Ad Building windows.

The first song they sang—the only one they could sing in English—was the Star Spangled Banner. Other

songs and dances were representative of the different sections of Spain from which they came.

The entertainers were selected for their tour of America on a competitive basis, each one being a winner in his own community. Before coming to the United States they toured England, France, and other European countries, and since their arrival in New York they have entertained in that city, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco.

and LTJG Edwin B. Miller, MSC, USN, to the USS ESSEX CVA-9; LT Thelma B. Hase, NC, USN, to USS REPOSE AH-16; LT Lucille C. Anderson, NC, USNR, to Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, Calif.; LT Rauha E. Niemi, NC, USNR, to the USS HAVEN AH-12; LTJG Carame B. Milam, NC, USNR to USNH, Bremerton, Wash.; LTJG Leona Soback, NC, USN, to Hickam Air Force Base, Honolulu, T.H., Air Transport Squadron Eight; and LTJG Shirley A. Dobbs, NC, USN, to Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, Calif.; L. T. Edwards, HMC, to Bremerton; K. M. Kramer, HM3, to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton; D. F. Viera, HM3, to NavMag, Port Chicago; G. Schuonhoven, HM3, to Ad Com Post Grad Schl Hon Calif.; J. A. Robbins, HM3, to NAS Moffett Field, Calif.; R. E. Drennon, HM3, Nav Shipyard, Mare Island, Vallejo; W. F. Moyer, HM3, to NavMedUnit, Tripler Army Hosp.; J. N. Erdahl, HM3, L. D. Monroe, HM3, and E. C. Ziehm, HM3, to USS CONSTELLATION AH-15; R. L. Mort, HM2, to Comm Rectra, Mare Island; HN's J. F. Hestad, H. P. Resnick, G. F. Rittmanic, and T. R. Biloiseau to MarBks, Camp Pendleton; H. C. Denton, HN, and R. K. Ingold, HN, to NAS, Alameda; and H. L. Johnson, HN, to NSC, Oakland.

Released to inactive duty were: LT Loretta Bielecki, NC, USN; LT Aleda J. Swanson, NC, USN; LTJG Georgia D. McDaniel, NC, USN; LTJG Imogene Anspach, NC, USN; and A. W. Skoda, HM3.

LTJG Luella F. Selig, NC, USN, was discharged upon acceptance of her resignation.

## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 12 July

PLUNDER OF THE SUN—Glenn Ford, Diana Lynn, Patricia Medina, DRAMA. Glenn Ford discovers a package he is to deliver to Patricia Medina's husband in Mexico contains a manuscript with a key to a priceless treasure. Since the owner died of a heart attack, Ford becomes the treasure hunter. He also becomes the target of attack by a competitive trio.

Monday, 13 July

HANGMAN'S KNOT — Randolph Scott, Donna Reed, WESTERN. An episode of the Civil War, it deals with a band of Confederate soldiers who are determined to prevent the shipment of Union gold.

Tuesday, 14 July

MAIN STREET TO BROADWAY—A Star Cast, DRAMA, personal lives of famous Broadway stars portrayed by stars themselves in a show business story. The cast is huge.

Wednesday, 15 July

THE BIG SKY — Kirk Douglas, Arthur Hunicutt, ADVENTURE. Blackfeet Indians are recipients of the tradestuffs delivered by the first keelboat to reach the river part of the Missouri River in valley of western Montana and Wyoming.

Thursday, 16 July

RAIDERS OF THE SEVEN SEAS—John Payne, Donna Reed, ADVENTURE. Rating: Fair. In color by technicolor, this is a tale concerning a group of virtuous pirates led by John Payne. Filled with abundance of sword play and sea battle, the romantic element adds to the usual sea story plot.

Friday, 17 July

THUNDER BAY—James Stewart, Joanne Dru, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. Color by technicolor, a conflict between local shrimp fishermen and Tidelands oil drilling in Louisiana. Tidelands oil, currently headline subject, the story proves its complete with romance, strife, and the thrill of bringing in a gusher.

Saturday, 18 July

TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT—Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, ADVENTURE. An oldy, the movie takes place in the Caribbean area. The Free French in Martinique during World War II win over Humphrey Bogart to their side.

## Staff Personalities

Senior Corpsman of Ward 66A, John Weiks, HM3, USNR, a native of Seattle, Wash., plans on further study in the theological and medical fields when his enlistment expires in January 1954. John spends his spare time in religious activities. He will resume studies as a pre-med student at Seattle Pacific College where he studied for two years prior to enlistment. Reporting in from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, last November, Weiks became a treatment room corpsman on dermatology Ward 60A until his transfer to 66A a month ago. He and his wife, Annabelle, were married in May of this year.

He has an unusual collection of match boxes, accumulated from every state and every country in Europe.



Someone who has seen a good amount of the country and the world in the last few years is LT Mary Kelly, NC, USN. She is from Wilkes Barre, Pa., and reported to Oak Knoll in May of 1951. Before coming here she had duty in Guam, Japan, Newport, R.I., and various other stations. Miss Kelly joined the Navy Nurse

Corps in 1944. After seeing some of the world she went to Bethesda, Maryland, to Blood Bank school and as a result is working at the Blood Bank on this compound. Miss Kelly took her nurses' training at Meriden Hospital in Wilkes-Barre. For recreation she goes horseback riding, does some gardening, and is interested in photography. She plans tentatively to make the Navy her career.



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Laurance Biesiadny, HM3, left, is shown admitting CAPT Ted Williams, right, to Oak Knoll. CAPT Williams arrived from Moffett Field and was at Oak Knoll only a brief time before leaving for Bethesda for treatment.

## CAPT Ted Williams "Hits" Oak Knoll; Heads East for Bethesda, Baseball

CAPT Ted Williams, USMC, arrived here Thursday 9 July, from Moffett Field, leaving behind him five-and-a-half months of combat in Korea, and an army of newspapermen, TV cameramen, and newsreel photographers at the air station.

After being examined for an ear ailment that grounded him after 39 missions, Williams flew to San Diego for a brief visit with his mother. He returned Friday afternoon and immediately took off for Travis Air Force Base and USNH, Bethesda, Maryland, for treatment.

### Picnic For Staff At Adobe Lodge

Staff personnel and their guests will picnic Saturday, 25 July, at Adobe Creek Lodge, according to latest word from Special Services. Enlisted personnel are allowed one guest each; married personnel and dependents are invited. Chow will be served at 1500.

Transportation will be furnished and busses will leave from in front of the Community Services Building at 1230. For night corpsmen who want to come to the picnic, a bus will return at 1800 in time for night muster. Other picnickers will return by bus at 2000.

Plan now to come to your staff picnic which will offer games, refreshments, prizes and swimming.

Tickets and directions for those driving their own cars may be obtained at Special Services.

The \$100,000-a-year star of the Boston Red Sox was flying jet fighter bombers, mostly on low level bombing missions, when Navy doctors ordered him back to the States because of his ear trouble, repeated colds, and a bout with pneumonia.

His plans for continuing his baseball career are not definite but he obviously has not lost interest in the great American game; nor have the fans lost interest in him. Shortly after his arrival at Bethesda, he flew to Cincinnati to attend the All-Star game Tuesday. He received an official invitation to the game from Ford Frick, NYC baseball commissioner, during his brief "landing" at Oak Knoll.

## CAPT Love Leaves Oak Knoll For New Corona Command

CAPT Julian Love, MC, USN, checked out of his office in the Ad Building and his quarters on the hill overlooking the hospital Wednesday and headed south for a new assignment as Commanding Officer at U. S. Naval Hospital, Corona, Calif. He had served as Executive Officer here since 6 September, 1952.

Captain Love's promotion to the Corona command, where he is to relieve CAPT R. S. Simpson, comes during his 26th year in the Navy Medical Corps. A native of Colorado, Captain Love was commissioned a lieutenant, junior grade, in 1927 immediately after receiving his MD at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Since his internship at San Diego, Doctor Love has worked up through the ranks, directing his efforts whenever possible to the study of internal medicine. He took advanced work at the Navy Medical School and at Cornell University, New York City, and was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1940.

Before being ordered to Oak Knoll, the Exec served for four years as Chief of Medicine at U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, and during his tour of duty there was appointed an official examiner for the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is a guest lecturer in the Department of Dermatology of the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, a Fellow of the American College of Military Surgeons, and a member of the American Heart and American Diabetic Associations.

During World War II, Captain Love, a flight surgeon, was Senior Medical Officer at Naval Air Station, Argentia, Newfoundland, and later at Patuxent River, Md. He was CO of



CAPT Julian Love

Naval Base Hospital 21, Kwajalein, during the atomic bomb tests in 1946. Just before the war he was Senior Medical Officer of the Third Defense Battalion of the Fleet Marine Force, Midway.

Though Captain Love is reluctant to leave Oak Knoll, he is looking forward to his command at Corona, where the hospital is housed in "plush" buildings that were once a de luxe resort-hotel known as the Lake Norconian Club. He is due to report there on 31 July, and he and his wife, Mimi, their three sons—Julian, Peter, and Franklin—and his mother, who is here from New York City, will stop at Reno, Tahoe, Yosemite, Carmel, Santa Barbara, and other points of interest en route.

CAPT Robert L. Gilman, Chief of the Dermatology Service, will serve as Executive Officer until Captain Herman Gross reports as relief for Captain Love early in August.

## RADM Logue, New DMO, Visits Here

RADM J. B. Logue, MC, USN, was aboard Tuesday afternoon for his first visit to Oak Knoll since he reported to this area as relief for RADM A. H. Dearing, Inspector Medical Activities, Pacific Coast, and District Medical Officer, upon the latter's retirement from active duty on 1 July.

Admiral Logue, one of the Navy's top-ranking surgeons, is among friends when he is at Oak Knoll. He came to San Francisco from Headquarters, Sixth Naval District, Charleston, South Carolina, where periodic inspections of Captain Bradley's command at the Naval Hospital at Key West, Florida, were among his duties. He had previously served as Director of Personnel for the Bu-

reau of Medicine and Surgery and in that capacity maintained an active interest in Oak Knoll.

During World War II, Admiral Logue served with the First Marine Division, FMF, and as Division Surgeon, directed the work of the Division's Medical Staff in the New Britain Campaign in December 1943 and at the Peleliu landing in the Palaus in October 1944.

Among the ribbons the new DMO wears is the Legion of Merit with Combat "V," the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon, both for service in the South Pacific, and the Purple Heart for wounds he received at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, in January 1944.



RADM J. B. Logue



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD?

"What's the good word?" This is often used as a form for greeting another person. Whether it is an earnest question, a thought provoker, or glibly spoken is a question. Glibly or earnestly spoken it is a question and it is very rude to ignore questions. Since it is asked it is well to give an answer.

A good word in season spoken at the right time and place can be a source of strength and power. By the same token a bad or wrong word can do much harm. Choose well the words your lips will utter. They represent you and communicate your thoughts to the ears and minds of others. They are symbols of your thoughts. As a professor once said, "Words are pegs upon which we hang our thoughts."

How words can encourage or discourage, help or hurt, wound or heal, is illustrated by a poet, thus: "Many a shaft at random sent finds mark the archer little meant, and many a word at random spoken may soothe or wound a heart that's broken." How true that is!

The good word is this, "God loves you!" Saint Paul affirms the power of this Good Word in his life when he exclaims, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

L. C. M. VOSSELER  
Protestant Chaplain.

## Early Release for Medics, Dentists Under New Draft Extension Bill

A number of physicians and dentists will be offered an early release from active duty under terms of the doctor draft extension which has been signed by the President. The bill extends to 1 July 1955.

Following are some provisions that went into effect after the bill was signed:

1. Physicians and dentists coming in up to 1 July 1955 will be eligible for \$100 extra pay. Since the draft extension puts the burden of future calls on priority III medics—those with no service at all—some of the older, better-established doctors would have been denied money paid to younger men.

2. Doctors called up from priority

II will be eligible for priority IV if they have 17 months' service in WWII. This release feature is in effect made retroactive, since persons who on 1 July would have the necessary service must be released within 90 days of the law's enactment, if they apply.

3. Future call-ups will be on a "graded-service" basis in which the length of previous service will determine the maximum time of future service. Those who had less than nine months' previous service would have a maximum of 24 months' duty in any future tour. Those with nine to 12 months behind them could be called for a maximum for 21 months more; those with 12-15 months could be called for 18, and those with 15 or more, could be called for another 15.

## New Social Worker Joins Knoll Staff

Mrs. Lily Stribling, medical social worker at Oak Knoll, was replaced Friday, 10 July, by Miss Ruth Brauer, who previously worked at the mental hygiene clinic for the Veterans Administration, St. Louis, Missouri.

A graduate of the University of California, she did volunteer social work in Korea from 1946 to 1947, while her husband, an Army Colonel, was stationed there.

Oak Knoll's new medical social worker, upon the invitation of the West German Government in 1952 was one of ten social workers from the United States to make a survey of German welfare conditions.

Miss Brauer graduated from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, where she received her MA in history and social welfare.

## Chief of Neuropsychiatric Service Leaves; Takes Post at Philadelphia

Oak Knoll lost still another key officer this week, when CAPT John F. McMullin, Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Service since 10 January 1951, was detached to USNH, Philadelphia, where he will head the Navy's East Coast NP Center.

This will be Captain McMullin's third tour of duty at Philadelphia. He was on duty there from 1936-37 and again from 1949-51. Ashore, he has served at the hospitals at Bethesda and San Diego and at the Naval Training Centers at San Diego and Norfolk. He served aboard the USS PENNSYLVANIA early in his Navy career, and toward the close of World War II he had duty aboard the hospital ship, USS SANCTUARY.

The captain received his MD from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia in 1934 and was commissioned a LTJG in the Medical Corps in 1936. He had graduate training in Psychiatry at USNH, Philadelphia, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington,



CAPT John F. McMullin

D.C., and Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., and is a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

## New Artificial Limb Research Work Started Here by U.C.; Financed by VA

The Navy's program of research and development in manufacture of prosthetic limbs advanced a step further on 1 July when the hospital turned over working space in the Artificial Limb Department to a research project being conducted by the University of California and financed through a contract with the Veterans Administration.

The program is known as the Clinical Study in Lower Extremity Prosthetics and is being carried on under the auspices of the National Research Council Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs.

General F. S. Strong, Executive Director of the Committee, and his executive secretary, Mr. Ben Wilson, on 9 July headed a group that inspected

facilities assigned to the new research group and following their tour were luncheon guests at the Commissioned Officers' mess.

Also present for the luncheon-discussion were a group of U.C. and V.A. men including Professor Harold Eberhart, Dr. Verne T. Inman, Dr. C. O. Bechtol, Messrs. Tom Dennison, C. W. Radcliffe, Charles Snygg, and E. M. Wagner, Captain B. E. Bradley, Commanding Officer, CAPT T. J. Canty, Chief of the Ambulance Service, CWOHC J. H. Faunce and C. C. Asbelle of the ALD staff.

Housewife: "Are those eggs fresh?"

Grocer: "Lady, feel these eggs and see if they're cool enough to sell yet."

## Red Cross Ramblings

### MOVIE SCHEDULE

The 16mm movie schedule for the wards this coming week includes "Abbott and Costello Go to Mars" on Circuit One. Circuit two brings "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

### LOUNGING AROUND

Looking for something to do? The Red Cross lounge offers a wide assortment of varied activities. Ping pong tables are available and with a variety of card and table games, jig-saw puzzles, chess and pinochle tournaments, time passes quickly. Musical instruments may be used in the lounge and, if you would like to make a recording to keep or send home, that can be arranged also. The lounge is open Monday through Saturday from 1300 to 1630 hours and on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings from 1830 to 2045 hours. Tuesday and Thursday evenings are hostess dance nights, Friday evening features square dancing with hostesses. The first four Saturday afternoons of every month are reserved for the telephone girls who dance, play cards or just chat with you.

These are a few of the activities you can enjoy at the lounge. Drop over, say hello, and join in the fun.

### "A PUZZLER"

There's fun in solving a puzzle step by step, watching a mystery develop slowly or quickly according to your skill. If you are a jig-saw puzzle fan there are all kinds of colors, pictures and topics from which to choose the Red Cross recreation room to side in the Community Service building. A new donation of special interlocking wooden jig-saw puzzles should make your selection especially interesting. Come up, browse around and help yourself.

The Red Cross craft shop, building 31, is very popular these days. You have received several deerskins and the patients have been working on moccasin bedroom slippers. They are comfortable and easy to make.

### NEW HOURS:

Monday — 0930-1130 hours; 1300-1600 hours.

Tuesday — Closed morning field day; 1300-1600 hours.

Wednesday — 0930-1130 hours; closed in afternoon.

Thursday — 0930-1130 hours; 1300-1600 hours.

Friday — 0930-1130 hours; 1300-1600 hours.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900

Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday

HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday

morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference

Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN  
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON  
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015



## SCUTTLEBUTT

### PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:

Vern Emter, DN, of the Dental Department, seems to have started a chain reaction when he married his home town sweetheart, Elaine Proud-homme of Vancouver, Wn., on 27 June . . . Others soon to take the fatal step are Howard M. Long, DT3, who will wed Doris Blew of Denver, Colo., on 26 July; John E. Weber, DN, who will claim Bernice Schildgen of Bloomington, Wis., as his bride on 14 December, and Marvin A. Cohen, DT3, whose fiancée, Pearl Resnick of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, has named 27 December as their wedding day . . . And over Physiotherapy way, Gloria Flory, HM3, is making final plans for her wedding in the chapel at noon next Saturday. She'll become the bride of Donald Schmidt, civilian electrician at a Hayward aircraft plant . . . Smithers of Photo Arts headed for home in Charleston, Mo., when he checked out on 20 days' leave Thursday . . . What MAA is it and WHY is he "Boopie" to his bride of one month? . . . Betty Curtis, HN, of Staff Personnel, and Bob Handley, HN, of Commissary, have announced their engagement . . . Oscar F. Williams, HN, has shipped back the volume, "Build the Body Beautiful"—evidently the results weren't what he had hoped for . . . Edward C. Kvale of Transportation takes off Monday for Mexico City, Key West, and Havana on a three weeks' flying vacation . . . Doctors Bill Craftt and Jerry Oremland are sightseeing in Mexico. . . . You never know what'll happen next—Bill Miller, SA, arrived at the hospital Sunday after he "swallowed a spring while trying to bend it," according to the accident report . . . The Main Gate is an expensive place to work when you are the grandfather of your first grandson. A. A. Jack "Irish" Campbell had disposed of six boxes of cigars within four hours of the boy's arrival Thursday morning. . . . Doctor Ottum should get along well with the CO—his 10-months-old son's name is Bradley.

**OAKNOLLUMNI:** Manuel Vilchez writes, "I've been in Korea three weeks, and already I don't like it" . . . Ron "Red" Lander is studying German and French like mad to meet language requirements for admission to U.C. Library School . . . Dr. Bruce L. Canaga, Jr., just back from overseas, dropped in to see the changes that have taken place since he was detached way back on 29 December, 1945. He is in Berkeley visiting his father, Captain Bruce L. Canaga, USN, Retired, before going on to a new job at Bethesda.

### Snook Family Bantams Take Prizes at Fair

Harley Snook of the transportation office, Mrs. Snook, and their daughter, Sally, bundled up their bantams and other small but fancy fowl and took them to the Alameda County Fair at Pleasanton last week, and at last count the three had collected approximately \$60 in cash and a total of 45 ribbons, including three champions and 17 first places.

Harley's prize-winning, hobby includes Japanese silkies, silver and golden seabrights, and Polish bantams; Sally's champ birds were black-tailed Japanese bantams; and Mrs. Snook won her laurels in the Old English game bird section.



Fresh from medical schools throughout the country, 24 new interns have reported aboard and are rapidly becoming oriented to Navy routine. They will rotate through the various services during their year's internship here. In the group are, front row, left to right, LTJG's J. H. Getzen, R. J. Ripple, Jr., J. G. Smith, R. K. Julien, C. W. Neller-moe, W. F. Hensold, J. F. Wurzel; Second row, G. R. Bell, J. B. Slater, O. L. Forbis, Jr., R. B. Reaume, J. M. Thompson, P. D. Ostlund; Third row, R. O. McMahan, L. R. Green, L. L. Johnson, P. F. Bowlin, C. R. Ashworth; Top row, R. R. Reed, J. A. Ottum, L. A. Hall, and L. C. Getzen. Unable to be present for the picture were L. J. Haasis and E. P. Gerber.

## Medical And Dental Interns Bolster Staff at Oak Knoll

Twenty-four medical and three dental interns reported aboard last week to bolster the staff, rotating through the various services as they receive their intern training.

Two of them are, as far as THE OAK LEAF has been able to determine, the only brothers to arrive simultaneously for duty on the medical staff. They are LTJG's L. C. Getzen and J. H. Getzen. They are from Dade City, Fla., and both are graduates of Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C.

John R. Slater, resident of Alameda and graduate of Stanford Medical School, is following in the footsteps of his brother, Dr. Ronald Slater, who was on duty here from October, 1948, to September, 1950, and is now on the staff at Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Oakland. Two other Stanford men are R. K. Julien of Turlock, Calif., and J. M. Thompson of Tucson, Ariz.

Four South Dakotans are among the new doctors—J. A. Ottum and E. P. Gerber, who grew up together in Aberdeen; George R. Bell from Huron, and Philip D. Ostlund from Vermillion. Gerber, Bell, and Ostlund were classmates at U. of South Dakota before they began their ad-



These are the Dental Department's new interns. From left to right, they are LTJG's M. E. Bjerken, Lorenz F. de Julien, and Leon E. Schneider.

vanced medical studies—Gerber at U. of Illinois, Bell at U. of Nebraska, Ostlund at U. of Washington, Seattle. Dr. Ottum went all the way through at Northwestern.

Leonard C. McMahan of Bismarck, North Dakota, and Rudolph J. Ripple, Jr., and Paul F. Bowlin, both of Minneapolis, are all M.D.'s from the U. of Minnesota.

Texas is well represented by J. G.

Smith of Marlin, L. J. Haasis of Galveston, and O. L. Forbis, Jr., of Austin, all of whom got their M.D.'s at the U. of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Other incoming interns are W. F. Hensold of Danville, Ill., and Leon R. Green of Alton, Ill., both graduates of the U. of Illinois Medical School; Ralph R. Reed, Beloit, Kansas, and Kansas U.; Ralph B. Reaume, Junction City, Kansas, M.D. from Washington University in St. Louis; John F. Wurzel, Fremont, Ohio, and St. Louis University Medical School; C. R. Ashworth of Payette, Idaho, and George Washington University, Washington, D. C.; Carrol W. Neller-moe, Richland, Washington, U. of Washington Medical School; Louis L. Johnson, Graceville, Fla., Medical College of Alabama; and Louis A. Hall, Denver, Colorado, Marquette, and University of Colorado Medical School.

Dental interns now aboard are Lorenz F. de Julien of La Mesa, Calif., who has his D.D.S. from U.C.; Maurice R. Bjerken of Warren, Minn., St. Olaf College, and the U. of Minnesota; Leon E. Schneider of St. Cloud, Minn., D.D.S. from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.

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Oak Knoll firemen and corpsmen, aided by the Oakland Fire Department, swung into action shortly after 1700 last Thursday when Thoralf Larsen, civilian gate guard, reported a grass fire behind the WAVE Quarters and across the canyon from the Nurses' Quarters. The Oak Knoll Fire Department, three fire trucks from the Oakland Fire Department, the MAA Division, and some 150 corpsmen who had the duty, turned out to fight the blaze, which was brought into control in short order. CAPT Julian Love, Executive Officer, CAPT Robert L. Gilman, Chief of Dermatology (now serving as Exec), LT M. W. Long, Head of the Security Division, and Maurice Nye, HMC, of the MAA Force, were also at the scene of the fire. The photo above shows corpsmen fighting the fire with wet burlap bags. Homes threatened by the fire as it spread up the canyonside were those of LT Richard Leuhrs, MC, USN, and Melvin Burr, Oak Knoll firefighter.





This air-cooled German Porsche with a rear engine will be one of the many cars to be displayed Sunday, 26 July, 1100-1500, at Oak Knoll when the Four Cylinder Club of America will present its annual car show. Attaining a speed of approximately 117 miles per hour this car is priced over \$4,000. Independent technicians will be on hand to assist with the classification of car entries into three main classes.

## Initiate New Training For Non-Rated Men

A new series of lectures and demonstrations has been initiated in the Hospital Corps School for non-rated men here, under the direction and guidance of LT Mary A. Martin, NC, USN instructor at the school.

LCDR Merrill E. Speelman, MC, USN, of the Urology staff, gives lectures on the basic principles of Anatomy and Physiology twice a week, and CDR Daniel W. Boone, MC, USN, of Surgical Service, instructs classes on First Aid and Minor Surgery.

Classes are conducted to improve nursing techniques, stimulate the corpsman's interest in his work, give him a feeling of responsibility, and fill his requirements for advancement in rating.

As instructors lecture on various subjects, the students participate in discussions and demonstration. Visual aids are used which break away from everyday routine, and the students are encouraged to bring in new ideas for discussion.

## Lifesaving Program Started at Oak Knoll

Lifesaving instruction started Wednesday, 8 July 1953, for staff members who wish to renew old Senior Lifesaving Badges or earn them for the first time. This class, sponsored by the Red Cross, will include 19 hours of instruction over a period of six weeks.

The class hours are from 1830 to 2000 on Tuesdays and 2000 to 2100 on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Instructors at the pool are HM3's J. W. Davis, A. H. Dearing and O. L. Liles.

## Welcome and Farewell

Fourteen members departed during the past week, while only six reported in.

Those new to the compound are LTJG Eugene N. Solovieff, MC, USNR, from Naval Cargo Handling Battalion 2; LT Dorothea H. Bow, NC, USNR, from NAS, San Diego, Calif.; HM2's D. E. Liddy, from 3dMarDivFMF, Camp Pendleton; W. B. Hickey, from USS SARASOTA; B. C. Halbert, from Headquarters 8th NavDis; and C. H. Vaughn, HA, from HCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Detached were: CAPT John N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, to ComFour for duty as District Medical Officer; CDR John H. Atkins, DC, USN, to the USS REPOSE; CDR James R. Dillon, Jr., MC, USN, to USNH, San Diego, Calif.; LTJG Charles J. Wilson, MC, USNR, to the USS MOUNTRAIL (APA-213); LTJG Gordon W. McGregor, MC, USNR, to Escort Destroyer Squadron One; LTJG Schuyler V. Hiltz, MC, USNR, to Beachmaster Unit No. 1; LTJG Jerome D. Oremland, MC, USNR, to USS PRAIRIE (AD-15); and LT Berniece L. Donahue, NC, USNR, to USNH, Key West, Fla. Also detached were HN's B. A. Ackert and G. L. Butler to NAS, Moffett Field, Calif.; and B. J. Hoffman, HM3 (W), to AdCom Postgraduate School, Monterey.

LTJG Rosalie F. Derham, NC, USNR, was released to inactive duty. HMC W. L. Winland and L. E. Patton, HM2, were detached from Oak Knoll due to expiration of enlistment.

## Golfing Knollites Lose To Mare Island 23-3

Oak Knoll's golf team played at Lake Chabot against Mare Island Thursday, 9 July, and lost 23½ to 3½. Due to the fact that one of the golfers was not present for the game, the Knollites had to forfeit three points. The team's record for the season is five won and four lost. The following scores were posted: DN Jim Tinsley, team captain, 79, Chief Vince De Voss, 83; CWO F. Bryan, 85; LT John J. Marra, 91; and LT Edward E. McLoone, 103.

Anyone interested in being on the golf team should contact Jim Tinsley at the Dental Clinic.

## Intern Statistics Show Only Eight Bachelors

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Statistics show that eight of the new medical officers are bachelors; 17 are married and have one child; one has two children, and Dr. Louis Hall has the distinction of having the largest family. At 25, he is the father of two sons, aged 3 and 1, and a daughter, 2.

Interns remaining aboard from the last group are LTJG's L. R. Irish, F. T. Day, J. C. Barnes, D. W. Eskelson, R. F. Kirk, M. C. Shea, Jr., C. F. Aquadro, and C. F. Monahan, Jr.

## Baseball Trip Planned By A.C.E.A. Thursday

The Alameda County Employees Association is sponsoring a trip to a baseball game between the Oakland Oaks and the San Francisco Seals, Thursday, 30 July. Transportation

## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 19 July

THE MAN FROM THE ALAMO—Glen Ford, Julia Adams, DRAMA. Rating: Good. No information available on this one in the file. However, it's in Technicolor and the title suggests the type of plot.

Monday, 20 July

IVORY HUNTER—Anthony Steele, Din Sheridan, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. Said to have terrific photography, in color, the British film is about elephant hunting in Africa.

Tuesday, 21 July

THE SWORD AND THE ROSE—Richard Todd, Glynnis Johns, ADVENTURE. DRAMA. With its basis on the novel "When Knighthood Was in Flower," picture, produced by Disney and filmed in Technicolor, should be on a par with Robin Hood.

Wednesday, 22 July

MURDER WITHOUT TEARS—C. Stevens, Joyce Holden, DRAMA. Rating: Good. Based on the original story "Double Jeopardy," this murder melodrama provides the thrill and suspense of a detective story. Stevens, the detective, receives a phone call from a personal acquaintance that he's just come out of an alcohol blackout, to find himself holding the murder gun over the body of his dead wife.

Thursday, 23 July

MIGHTY JOE YOUNG—Terry Moore, Ben Johnson, FANTASY. The plot evolves about a gorilla who creates a great deal of excitement as he grows from babyhood to a ferocious-looking monster. Terry Moore as a child, buys him from jungle natives.

Friday, 24 July

THE AFFAIRS OF DOBIE GILLIS—Debbie Reynolds, Bobby Van, MUSICAL COMEDY. Rating: Very good. With the accent on the comedy, Max Shulman evolves the plot about two college kids.

Saturday, 25 July

MA AND PA KETTLE AT THE FAIR—Marjorie Main, Percy Kilbride, COMEDY. If you've seen other Ma and Pa pictures you'll know they are always good for a laugh.

will be furnished, the bus leaving 1900. Sign up at Special Services, noon. Staff and patients are invited.

## Staff Personalities

The "handy man" at the Out-Patient Department is Freddie Houghton, HN, of Maryville, Mo. He was stationed at San Diego as a student at Hospital Corps School, and also had his recruit training there. Before February 1952, when Fred enlisted in the Navy, he was attending the University of Kansas, where he completed two and a half years, with

a major in pharmacy. He was a member of two fraternities, and while attending the University he formed a band called the "Starlighters" which played at several festivities on and off the campus. For added recreation, in the Navy, Fred swims and plays golf, shooting in the 80's and 90's. His future plans are to resume his studies in pharmacy at college.



Shirley H. Gore, HM3, USN, the only WAVE ever to attend Operating Room Technician's School, graduated yesterday here at Oak Knoll. The Corps WAVE, who hails from Horatio, Arkansas, arrived on the compound on 25 January 1951 after attending HCS, Great Lakes, Ill. Since she has had one year of Medical Technology in Southern State

College, Magnolia, Arkansas, Shirley tentatively plans to earn a B.S. degree in nursing at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. Formerly a member of the softball team here, Shirley enjoys many other sports both as participant and spectator and one of her favorite pastimes is to be stamp collecting.



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## Oak Leaf Editor Sheds Navy Blues

The OAK LEAF suffered a casualty this week when Dorris L. Fagan, JO3, departed, this time to become a housewife in New London, Conn., where her husband, Larry, a YN3, is currently stationed.

Dorris arrived at Oak Knoll in November 1951, a JOSN just out of JO school at Great Lakes, Ill., the first to be assigned to Oak Knoll. In June 1952 she departed for Armed Forces Information School in Fort Slocum, N.Y., returning six weeks later to take over the editorship of the OAK LEAF, for which she had previously served as a reporter.

Last January Dorris (Linsea up to this time) took a month's leave to be married in Reno, where she had been a student at the University of Nevada's journalism department before entering the service.

Dorris recently received a commendation from Captain Gordon for her outstanding work on the OAK LEAF. "Under your editorship since 23 August 1952, the OAK LEAF has maintained high journalistic standards, has served as informer and entertainer. It has promoted worthy causes such as the United Fund Drive, has boosted bond buying among civilian employees, and has aided materially in building high morale among our patients and staff," the commendation read in part.

With this issue, Roy Breitenbach, HN, assumes editorship of the OAK LEAF, and Barbara Kayser, JOSA, recent graduate of Great Lakes JO school, will assist him.

## Staff Picnic at Adobe To be Held Today

The scene of the Staff Picnic to be held today is Adobe Creek Lodge, located in the foothills of Los Altos.

Those who plan to go are assured a wonderful time with games, refreshments, prizes, and swimming in the offing.

Special Services has directions available for those coming in cars.

## Lieutenant Sends Son Off to Sea

LT Joseph A. Schoenbachler, MSC, USN, Assistant Personnel Officer, handed orders to his son, Jerry Schoenbachler, HM3, for sea duty aboard the destroyer USS BUCK Tuesday, 21 July.

Jerry was stationed at Oak Knoll prior to his father's arrival. Reporting here 29 October 1951 from Corps School in San Diego, he was assigned first to Ward 43A, then to 50A, 45A, 41A and finally to the Receiving Room in the Administration Building.

Before entering the Navy in March 1951, Jerry attended Saint Mary's College, Moraga, California, for one year, majoring in Liberal Arts, and he hopes eventually to return there to major in pre-dental.

LT Schoenbachler reported to Oak Knoll in May of this year from MSTs, Yokohama, Japan. This is his 29th year in the Navy, and since his enlistment in 1924 he has served with the Staff, Pacific Reserve Fleet, and MSTs in Yokohama as Assistant of Administration, Medical Supply Corps in Oakland and Yokosuka, and has held a variety of other assignments at sea and ashore.

Besides his son, Jerry, LT Schoenbachler has two daughters, Susan, 14 years old, and Maria, 10 years old.

Jerry will follow in his father's footsteps by being initiated to sea duty aboard a destroyer.



Jerry Schoenbachler, HM3, is now aboard the USS BUCK, being initiated into sea duty aboard a destroyer, as his father, LT Joseph A. Schoenbachler, was. Father and son have been shipmates at Oak Knoll, Jerry arriving here on 29 October 1951 from HCS, San Diego, Calif., and LT Schoenbachler, reporting in May 1953 from MSTs Yokohama, Japan. The lieutenant wrote his son's orders to sea.

## Auto Club Brings Show to Hospital

The Concours d'Elegance sponsored by the Four Cylinder Club of America, Bay Area Chapter, will be held here tomorrow (Sunday) from 1100 to 1500.

Independent technicians will be on hand to assist with the classification of car entries. First, second and third place trophies and plaques will be

awarded in each of the six classes.

The cars will be judged as follows: general appearance, 30 points; interior and engine appearance, 25 points each and extra equipment, functional only, 20 points. Judging will start at 1300.

The closing date for the applications was 21 July.



Staff officers and their ladies had an opportunity to welcome Captain and Mrs. Bradley aboard last Saturday night at a semi-formal dance at the Officers' Club. In the receiving line were CDR Helen C. Gavin, Chief of the Nursing Service; CAPT Robert L. Gilman, Acting Executive Officer; Miss Betsy Bradley, daughter of the hospital's new skipper, and the Bradleys themselves. After exchanging greetings, the guests of honor and a large turnout of doctors (including LCDR M. E. Speelman, who is following his wife through the line), nurses, and other officers representing all departments of the hospital, danced to the music of Norval Knight's orchestra.



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J. T. Fisher writes in his very informative book "A Few Buttons Missing" something for our modern day to think about:

"But it is not enough for man to find religion, and to learn to quote its text and say its prayers. He must learn the lessons the great religious leaders taught. He must take the lessons from the Church and weave them into the warp and the woof of everyday life and build a philosophy as tightly woven as that of the work-harder and squeeze-the-minutes tighter era."

In Christianity we have the words of Jesus to learn and live by, to put meaning into the "Warp and the Woof" of everyday living. A most difficult task, but it is our way out of chaos.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."—Matthew 5:9.

"Ye are the light of the world."—Matthew 5:14.

"Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them which despitefully use you, and persecute you. If you salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others?"—Matt. 5:44,47 (A&B).

"Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."—Matthew 6:11,12.

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets."—Matthew 7:12.

The Universal Church of Jesus Christ stands as the living word, in all its weaknesses, and in all its strength. Its door are open to all, its services can be used by all. Going to church helps us in our spiritual elevation toward God, even as the waters rushing into the locks of Panama lift the great ships up to the next highest level. In the same way the church habit lifts us up to a new spiritual level with God. This Sunday attend the church of your choice. Then let us make it a habit.

R. E. JENKINS  
Protestant Chaplain

## Welcome and Farewell

Incoming personnel this week came to a total of 27, while those detached or discharged amounted to only 16.

Reporting in were LT Raymond H. Watten, MC, USN, from USNH, Navy No. 3923; LTJG John A. Stroud, MC, USNR, from USS CONSOLATION AH-15; LTJG John S. Spratt, Jr., MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT Charles R. Thompson, MSC, USN, from duty under instruction at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; LTJG Faye J. Slate, NC, USN, Air Trans-SqdrnEight;

HMC's P. Andraski, A(t), USNAV-RESTRNGCEN, Reading, Pa.; A. Kozlowski, from NAV Supply Center, Oakland, Calif.; A. A. Schnell, HCS, San Diego, Calif.; K. E. Barger, Headquarters Command, COMNAV FORCES, Marianas; B. E. Truex, USNH, St. Albans, N. Y.; HM1's H. N. Hughes, from USNH, Memphis, Tenn.; R. H. Williams, from Tongue Point, Astoria, Ore.;

HM2's J. S. Ledbetter, from USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; R. L. Searcy, Jr., from USNAVRECSTA, Boston, Mass.; R. G. Malson, HM2, from USNH, Bainbridge, Md.; HN's D. A. Studinger and B. J. Hendricksen, from Mare Island, Vallejo, Calif.; HN's J. K. Mullen, T. T. Mathers, J. A. Meier, Jr., A. H. Gambee, E. L. Bishop, T. L. O'Conner, Jr., B. B. Oakes, from HCS, San Diego, Calif.; HA's R. K. Stockman and B. G. Carr, from HCS, Great Lakes, Ill.; and M. A. Wiggins, HA, from HCS, San Diego, Calif.

Detached were CAPT Julian Love, MC, USN, to USNH, Corona, Calif.; CAPT John F. McMullin, MC, USN, to USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; CDR Ralph D. Ross, MC, USN, to USNH, Corona, Calif.; ENS Joseph E. Honish, Jr., MSC, USN, to NavSchol of HospAdmin, NatNavMedCen, Bethesda, Md.; HMC G. E. Shepler, to Treasure Island, Calif.; HM3's B. J.

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Four Red Cross recreation trainees are shown getting ready for the "Go Ol' Summertime" party they will sponsor Monday afternoon from 1400 to 1600 in the Red Cross lounge. It promises to be a lot of fun; so be sure to be around and join in the festivity. The trainees are, left to right, Catherine Crosby, Gayle June, E'Lane McCaffery, and Anne Parise. The poster was done by Patient Dan Provost.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### CINEMA CIRCUIT

The Red Cross movies to be shown on the wards for the coming week feature John Wayne and Donna Reed in "Trouble Along the Way," a comedrama, and June Allyson and Van Johnson in "Remains to Be Seen," a comedy.

### HURRAH!

Many cheers were heard recently around the Red Cross offices when the new movie projectors arrived. Much of the mechanical difficulty encountered with the old machines should now be relieved. With the continued cooperation of our staff projectionists, Special Services detail, and patient maintenance crew, we can expect a smooth-running movie program on the wards, at long last.

### A ROSE IS A ROSE

Except when it arrives by the hundreds of dozens—then it becomes a cargo of beauty and cheer. Such was our good fortune last Saturday.

A local wholesale florist, I. Piazza, was faced with a surplus of thousands of dollars of cut flowers because of the sudden embargo on air transport of flowers. He contacted Oakland Red Cross Chapter, which in turn arranged for the delivery of the vast quantity of fresh blooms to the hospital. A majority of the wards were profusely showered with roses, carnations, and daisies which were deeply appreciated by the patients and staff members. Bouquets of applause and "Molto Gracie" to Mr. Piazza for his thoughtfulness and generosity.

### POLYNESIAN DANCERS

A unique and colorful program was presented in the Red Cross lounge last Monday evening with the true atmosphere of Hawaii very much in evidence. Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon, Hawaiians living in the Bay Area, and their son and daughter-in-law presented an attractive program of music, songs, and dances from Hawaii and Tahiti. One patient from Hawaii was honored by having a selection dedicated to him and also was the first to be presented with a colorful lei. The flower necklaces were then

given to the men, together with an affectionate salute, which is the proper manner in Hawaii.

A group of five girls, two in colorful Tahitian costumes and three in Hawaiian mau-maus, danced to drum accompaniment with gourds as a special feature of the party.

### DANCING LESSONS

The big signup for beginning dance lessons is keeping our social dance instructors very busy on Tuesday afternoons in the lounge. If there are patients who can help with this activity, their assistance will be appreciated.

### STATES AND CITIES

Recently the men of 79B tried the skill at identifying various states and cities by their nicknames, such as the Buckeye, Lone Star, and Hoosier states, while the Windy City, City of Brotherly Love, and Beantown were city nickname puzzlers. Refreshments followed the activity and were served by Red Cross Gray Ladies.

## Medal of Honor to Former Knollite's Mother

The mother of John E. Kilmer, 2nd of San Antonio, Texas, a former Knoll corpsman, has been presented the Congressional Medal of Honor for that Kilmer earned for giving his life on a Korean battlefield so that his comrade might live.

A fellow Texan, Navy Secretary Robert Anderson, made the presentation, after speaking a few words of gratitude and sympathy during the ceremony at the Pentagon. The hero's brother, S/SGT Robert Kilmer, USMC, was also present for the ceremony.

The medal of honor was conferred on young Kilmer for successive deeds of valor during a hilltop battle in Korea and for gallantry and intrepidity beyond and above the call of duty last 13 August when he saved wounded buddy from death by shielding him from enemy gunfire with his own body.

Kilmer was on duty here from March to October 1950.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900

Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday

HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday

morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015





CDR James R. Dillon

## CDR's Dillon, Ross Leave for New Post

Two more doctors with the rank of Commander received orders and departed for new duties during the past few days. They were CDR James R. Dillon, Assistant Chief of Urology here for the past three years, and CDR Ralph D. Ross, head of the Medical SOQ wards, and a member of the staff since July 1951.

CDR Dillon goes to USNH, San Diego, to head the Urology Service, and CDR Ross will report to CAPT Love, Commanding Officer of USNH, Corona, to serve as his Chief of Medicine.

Dr. Dillon is a Stanford man and his home town is San Francisco. Since receiving his commission in



CDR Ralph D. Ross

June 1942, he has been stationed at the School of Aviation Medicine, Pensacola, AEOB, Numea, New Caledonia, NAAS, Holtville, California, NAS-NOB, Adak, Alaska, Quonset Point, R. I., and, while under instruction in Urology at Stanford Hospital, was attached to Headquarters, 2ND.

Dr. Ross received his M.D. at Northwestern in 1942, and during World War II he had duty at Guadalcanal, and later with the Amphibious Forces, Pacific. In 1946 he was at Eniwetok Atoll for the atomic bomb tests, and just before reporting here was serving with Staff Task Force 3 in the Pacific.

## Study Group Formed

Next Monday evening at 2100 in the chapel the third meeting of a new Bible study group will occur. Under the leadership of Dr. Dick Smith of the pediatrics department, the group is being supported by hospital chaplains. Doctors, nurses, corpsmen and patients were all represented at the gathering Monday, and all are cordially invited to attend the subsequent meetings.

## SCUTTLEBUTT

WORTH A SECOND GLANCE:

The jacaranda trees in full bloom and spreading a carpet of blue around the entrance to Dependents' Service . . . A WAVE they call Crickett . . . Dr. Doolan's expression when he talks about his son, Michael Francis, who arrived here Monday morning. This is the second boy for him and Mary Louise . . . CAPT Sherwood's tan, acquired while he fished in Northern Washington . . . Betty Winsby's pistachio Chevrolet . . .

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:

Donald R. Olson, HM3, of the Chaplain's Office, and Charles E. Sell, HM3, of Main Gate, are vacationing in Yosemite Valley and standing by to provide first aid for an Oakland Cub Scout troop . . . Marian Cherry Becks, HN, couldn't find her key Monday night, and even LT Harold Cox, Administrative Watch Officer, and his passkey couldn't let her in; so the young lady, MAA of Quarters 129, slept in a "strange" room that night. . . Bill Hayes, YN3 of PEB, and Mary Ann Wadleigh, HM3, Chuck Hamilton, HM3, and Anna Smerlick, HN, crossed the bay last week end to see and hear the Strauss musical, "The Great Waltz," at San Francisco's Curran Theater . . . It shouldn't happen to a MAN, but it did to Donald R. Brown, AK2, of the USS CHOURE (ARV 1). He was walking down the street, turned his head to talk, and ran into a pole. Since arrival here, he has had sutures, tetanus toxoid, and penicillin . . . Singing Irish songs around the campfire and roasting hot dogs were highlights of the evening of 20 July when patients and staff of 66A picnicked at Redwood Regional Park and said "bon voyage" to LTJG Marlene Mazar, soon to leave for USNH, Yokosuka . . . Tom and Shirley Mank are vacationing with his family in Bellevue, Ill. . . "Wild William" Morrow, HN, of Commissary, and HN's Mylan Borken, Douglas Gamble, Willie Williams, Bob Potter and his wife, Pat, spent Sunday clambering over Seal Cliffs, San Francisco . . . Bremner and Liles of Special Services don't have to worry about how their hair looks when they come out of the pool. They haven't any since their last trip to the barber shop . . . That Carl Stevenson is a man with ideas. In his spare time he does all sorts of tricky photography, and now he is amazing people with a tricky new fountain that looks as if it may possibly be one of his own inventions . . . Dr. Eugene M. Solovieff returned this week from Cargo Handling Battalion, the Philippines, and was happy to discover he's an LT instead of a JG now . . . Chuck Northam of Record Office and Don Rawson of Organization are two more who'll be missed from their posts of duty. Called back from leave, Chuck was detached Tuesday to the USS JENKINS (DDE 447), and Don is now aboard the USS O'BRIEN (DD-725).

OAKNOLLUMNI: HMC Francis A. Hoke dropped by to see his Record Office friends last Saturday en route from Hawaii and the staff of ComServ-Pac to the School of Hospital Administration, Bethesda . . . HMC's Alan A. Schnell and Alexander Kozlowski are back at their old stamping grounds to take the Orthopedic Appliance Technician's course . . . Dr. Tracy Cuttle, late of Chelsea, Mass., has been ordered to USNH, Yokosuka.

## Congressional Medal of Honor Winner Leaves Oak Knoll After Long Illness

CAPT Willis W. Bradley, USN, Retired, who left on Wednesday after treatment for a heart condition here, occupies a sizable space in "Who's Who" because of his many accomplishments throughout his Naval and political careers.

He received the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroic action aboard the USS PITTSBURGH during an ammunition explosion in South American waters in WWI; he has a Silver Medal presented him by the Red Cross for help he gave the people of Italy at the time of the Messina earthquake, and a Silver Medal from Pope Pius XI, and in 1929 he was appointed Governor of Guam by former President Hoover.

In addition to these early distinctions he is the only senior naval officer in the history of the United States ever to be elected to Congress. In 1946 he was elected from the 18th District of California and served on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and was chairman of a subcommittee on Ship Operation, Construction, and Maritime Labor. Elected to the state legislature from the 70th District in 1952, the captain now serves on the Military Affairs Committee as Vice-Chairman and was attending a legislative session when he suffered the heart attack that necessitated his hospitalization.

Another honor that Captain Bradley likes to mention is the fact that he is one of two in the same family to hold the Medal of Honor. His son-in-law, RADM Bruce McCandless, USN, Retired, was awarded the medal for heroic action aboard the USS SAN FRANCISCO in the Battle of



CAPT Willis W. Bradley

Savo Island in November of 1942.

Embarking upon his Navy career on 6 May, 1903, CAPT Bradley served first as a forward 8" turret officer aboard the BB, USS VIRGINIA, of the great White Fleet, during its world cruise from 1907-1909. Subsequently, he served aboard the USS SOUTH CAROLINA, USS TEXAS, USS CALIFORNIA, USS SAN DIEGO and the USS PORTLAND.

A graduate of the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., where he received his B.Sc., CAPT Bradley went on to earn his master's degree at George Washington University, Washington, D. C. He took a post graduate course in Ordnance and Gunnery in 1913-1915 and was graduated from the Naval War College in 1938.

CAPT Bradley and his wife, the former Sue Worthington Cox, of Baltimore, Md., live at Long Beach, Calif. They have four children.



Above are the Air Force and Navy students of the Orthopedic Appliance Technicians' class that graduated Friday, 17 July. From left to right, back row are Herman L. House, HM2; HMC Graham L. Parker; Robert S. Grubb, HM2; CWOHC John H. Faunce, instructor; HMC Frank E. Hillyer and William S. McCrae, HMI. The Air Force graduates are Keith P. Burns, A/3c; William Schmidt, A/1c; S/SGT Paul P. Lally; Robert L. Robinson, A/3c and Robert E. Blalock, A/2c. In front row are HM2's Lynn J. Woolstenhulme, John E. Goff, Charles E. Russell and Harland E. Forell, HMI.

## Orthopedic Appliance Mechanic School Graduates 14 Air Force, Navy Students

The Orthopedic Appliance Mechanics School graduated a class of five Air Force students and nine Navy Corpsmen, at 1400, Friday, 17 July. CAPT B. E. Bradley, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, issued the diplomas and presented a commendation to Keith P. Burns, A/3c, USAF, for outstanding ability and work. William Schmidt, A/1c, USAF, was honor man of the class with an average of 97.77.

The other graduates were S/SGT Paul P. Lally, Robert E. Blalock, A/2c, and Robert L. Robinson, A/3c of the USAF; HMC's Graham L. Parker, Frank E. Hillyer; HMI's William S. McCrae, Harland E. Forell; and HM2's Charles E. Russell, Herman L. House, Lynn J. Woolstenhulme, Robert S. Grubb and John E. Goff.



# Lab Team in First Place In Intrahospital Loop

The intrahospital softball league moved into the final half last week with the Lab team resting in first place one game ahead of the Chaplains. In third place and still in the thick of the fight for the base championship is the Dental nine.

Behind the steady pitching of Vic Irving, Lab has won nine games in a row after dropping their opener to Special Services. Power team of the league is the second place Chaplains, who with only fair pitching have kept winning behind the big bats of Jim Poole, and Chaplain's Vosseler and Jenkins.

## TEAM STANDINGS

	W.	L.
Lab	9	1
Chaplains	8	2
Dental	7	2
N. P.	5	4
Special Ser.	5	4
Med. Storerm.	3	6
Cardiology	3	6
X-Ray	2	8

# Commuted Rations for Enlisted Personnel Cut

Washington (AFPS)—The value of commuted rations for enlisted personnel of the Armed Services while on leave or otherwise authorized to mess separately has been cut from \$1.20 to \$1.10 per day.

The cut, outlined in Defense Department Directive 13338.3, was made under the provisions of the current appropriation act and is retroactive to July 1.

Enlisted personnel drawing separate rations will be charged 30c for breakfast, 40c for dinner, and 40c for supper when eating in military messes. These figures show a drop from 55c, last year's price for a dinner, and a raise from 35c, the old price for a supper. The price for breakfast remains the same.

The hangman tightened the knot and asked the condemned golfer if he had anything to say before being hanged.

"Yes, I'd like to take a couple of practice swings."



The graduates of the Operating Room Technicians' School smile as they hold their diplomas. Standing, from left to right are LTJG Marie A. Croteau, NC, USNR, instructor; HM3's George L. Storey, Edgar B. Howell, William R. Snavelly, CDR Wesley Fry, MC, USN, Assistant Chief of Surgery; HM3's Daniel O'Sullivan, Irwin A. Lewis, and LT Edna Daughtry, NC, USN, OR Supervisor. Seated in the front row are HM3's Lavern E. Bussell, Shirley H. Gore, John R. Schraf and Joseph Giordano.

# Nine Students, Including One WAVE Grads of Operating Room School

Nine students were graduated from Operating Room Technician School, Friday, 17 July. Honor man for the class was George L. Storey, HM3, with an average of 95.0, and among the group was Shirley Gore, HM3, the first WAVE OR technician to graduate from the school.

CDR Wesley Fry, MC, USN, Assist-

ant Chief of Surgery, presented the certificates.

All who completed the course will stay at Oak Knoll. They are: HM3's George L. Storey, Joseph Giordano, Shirley H. Gore, Edgar B. Howell, Lavern E. Bussell, William R. Snavelly, Daniel O'Sullivan, Irwin A. Lewis, and John R. Schraf.

# Knollite Softball Team Places 2nd in District

The Oak Knoll softball squad, second place winners in the 12ND league, have entered their team in the Oakland Area Recreation Department Class "A" city league. The league will begin play during the week of 10 August and will consist mostly of civilian teams in the East Bay Area.

On the Knollites roster are Charlie Bujanda, Byron Cheek, Don Clark, Bill Cooper, Doyle Davidson, Vic Irving, LeRoy Judd, Don Lanoo, Bill Lemon, Bob Liles, Mike Napoli, Richard Neatherly, Wayne Niday, Julius Pachy, Jim Poole, John Weber, and Jack Young.

Chuckin' for the Knoll team will be Young, Irving and Clark, with Judd and Clark slated for the receiving chores.

In two practice games the locals have beaten the Travis Air Base team 8-2 while losing to the Parks Air Base nine 4-0.

# Golfers Win Again, Beats NSC Alameda

The Oak Knoll golf team, stretched their winning streak to two games by beating NSC Alameda 17 to 10 at Lake Chabot Thursday, 16 July.

This brings the Knollites into a tie for second place with a record of seven won and six lost.

The following scores were posted by the Oak Knoll team: CDR Daniel W. Boone, 78; LT Benjamin Flowe, 82; DN Jim Tinsley, team captain, 85; Chief Vince de Voss, 91; HN John Oliver, 93, and Chief Leslie Johnson, 101.

An antelope walked into a bar and ordered a dry martini.

The barkeep charged him two bucks and told him he was the first antelope ever to come in his bar.

"And I'll be the last, too, at the price of martinis."

# Welcome and Farewell

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Hoffman, (W), to Monterey, Calif.; T. E. Scardefield, to USNH, San Diego; R. I. Buckley and E. A. Derrick, to Air FMFPAC, El Toro; C. M. Northan, to USS JENKINS, (DDE-447); C. M. Marshall, to USS FRONTIER, (AD-25); and J. G.

Schoenbachler, to the USS BUG (DD-761); T. V. Tata, HN, to FM Camp Pendleton, Calif.; and R. Solenberg, YNSN, to Mare Island, Calif.

Discharged were: Dorris L. Fagan, JO3, and Rita M. Le Faucheur, S.

# Staff Personalities



The EENT Clinic appointment information desk is in the capable hands of Robert "Red" Stebbins, HM3, USN, from Fairmont, W. Va. February of last year Robert enlisted in the Navy and was sent to Great Lakes for recruit training, then to the Corps School. Arriving at Oak Knoll last October he was assigned first

Ward 45A, then to 79A, and finally his present job.

Two months ago Robert married his home town sweetheart, Don, and is now awaiting her arrival here.

Robert is an avid sportsman and this point is proved by his participation in football, basketball, baseball and track in high school.



One of the "old" Knollites, who has been here for approximately 14 months, is Charles McMillan Marshall, HM3, USN. Charles, who is the Neuropsychiatric School MAA, enlisted in the Navy 8 March, 1951. He had recruit and Corps School training at Great Lakes, Ill., and after spending six months at Bremerton,

came to Oak Knoll. A home townner of Beaver Falls, Pa., Charles studied pre-med for two and a half years at Geneva College, Beaver Falls. When his enlistment expires in 1955, Charles tentatively plans to continue with pre-med studies. His spare time is taken up with collecting guns, particularly old specimens and hunting guns.

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## Oak Knoll's Sailors in Skirts Celebrate Birthday at Work



Here the longest—Joan Frazee, HN3, from San Diego, reported aboard on 8 November 1951. She went through NP school here and is now assigned on duty in the NP Social Service division.

ings. When the WAVES were first made a part of the Navy team, they served only within the continental limits of the United States and Hawaii, but their range is steadily increasing, and at the present time they are on duty in a number of locations around the world—in England, Italy, France, Germany, Japan, Norway and the Caribbean area. Like Navy men, they rotate duty assignments.

CAPT Louise K. Wilde, USN (W), new director of the WAVES, in assuming her duties a few weeks ago, emphasized the fact that the mission of the WAVES is the same as it has always been — to provide trained women capable of filling a variety of billets necessary to the operation of the Naval Establishment in peace or war.

The first three WAVES reported to Oak Knoll in February 1943, and by October 1945 the "Crow's Nest" near the top of the hill housed 355 enlisted women. There were then 24 WAVE Officers aboard.

The hospital's present WAVE contingent includes 60 Corps WAVES, one YN, and one JOSA. Two Medical Service Corps Officers, one Supply Corps officer, and one Hospital Corps officer complete the roster of Oak Knoll's sailors in skirts.

The Navy's WAVES, 66 of whom are on duty at Oak Knoll, celebrated the eleventh anniversary of their corps Thursday, 30 July, by reporting for duty as usual.

It was only a few months after Pearl Harbor when Congress authorized the Women's Reserve as a part of the Naval Reserve and called its members "Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service" — in short, WAVES. Six years later, on 12 June 1948, President Truman signed an act authorizing the enlistment and appointment of women in the USN, making them an integral part of the Regular establishment as well as of the Naval Reserve.

During their eleven-year history, the WAVES have steadily advanced in stature. They are now assigned to billets in 27 General Service ratings, in addition to a large number of USNR Emergency Service ratings.



Here the latest—Artie Ione Fyson, HA, from Glasgow Valley, Montana, arrived from USNHCS, San Diego, Tuesday. Her young patient apparently is bored, both by food and photography.



Mrs. Winifred Berger, right, past president of the California Women's Bowling Association, Inc., called at Oak Knoll last week to present \$500 to the Red Cross for purchase of musical instruments to be used at the Lounge, for stamp collectors' equipment and art supplies for the isolation wards. Miss Dorothy Johnson, Recreation Director, received the check, which represented a substantial share of funds raised by the bowling ladies in their state singles classic tournament. Mrs. Berger, resident of San Rafael, former Red Cross Gray Lady and at present an emergency driver for the Motor Corps, has been bowling for 25 years and is one of 150,000 members of women's bowling leagues throughout the country. Their strength was measured during World War II when they raised funds to buy three C-47 planes to fly casualties home from the South Pacific. There are 24,000 women bowlers in California and 2,600 in San Francisco alone, according to Mrs. Berger.

## Marines and Sailors to Be Guests At Sequoyah Country Club Monday

To show their appreciation for what Marines and Navy men have done for them in Korea, members of Sequoyah Country Club have invited eighty Oak Knoll patients to spend Monday as their guests.

Buses will take patients over the hill to the nearby club at 1000 and return them to the hospital at 1700, and during those hours, golf, swimming, a barbecue lunch, and special entertainment will be on the program.

The club's invitation includes "tired nurses and doctors" who would like a day of relaxation.

Tuesday, 4 August, buses will leave the Community Services Building at 1630, their destination the San Francisco Seals vs. Portland baseball game.

A week from Tuesday, 11 August, the Oakland Navy Mothers are sponsoring another boat ride on the Bay for 20 patients. Lunch will be served at Bluejacket's Haven on MacArthur Boulevard, the bus leav-

ing from the usual place at 0930.

On 8 and 9 August, staff and patients are invited to an Arabian Horse Show at San Francisco's Cow Palace. Performances will be at 2000 Saturday night and 1400 on Sunday afternoon. Tickets and directions for getting to the Cow Palace are available at Special Services.

Sign up at Special Services for all the events listed above and for other events coming up.

## County Employees Are Hosts at Hot-Rod Races

Forty tickets for 500-lap stock car races at Oakland Stadium tomorrow (Sunday) have been made available to Special Services by the Alameda Employees Association and may be had for the asking. The bus will leave the Community Service Building at 1230 and hostesses will greet the patients when they arrive at the stadium. Refreshments will be served during the races.

## Hospital Corpsmen Get Promotions

Twenty-seven hospital corpsmen moved up the scale from lowly HA's to HN's on 16 July.

They are A. M. Miley and A. L. Quinn, G. A. Schafer, WAVES, and D. W. Baker, D. J. Benton, G. C. Braegger, J. M. Brenner, J. R. Burke,

S. J. Chilcoat, J. J. Crenshaw, Z. A. Dodd, J. W. Enochs, R. S. George, H. R. Hesse, J. B. Hill.

D. N. Lott, J. B. Merryfield, C. F. Nasso, M. F. Parker, J. V. Pellosma, L. G. Rowe, L. J. Rabello, G. Sohr, G. L. Stitzel, F. J. Van Walbeck, R. E. Ward, and W. A. Ward.



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### HAVE YOU HEARD?

A peculiar trait of many people is that they like to appear to know of some startling news and tell it first. This has caused trouble and been responsible for disasters during war. We all recognize the danger of it with military secrets. But when it comes to persons, we become careless. Repeating statements made by irresponsible persons, or persons who start rumors without foundation, will cause heartaches and injure the reputation of individuals.

Often the teller does not know the complete facts but gets a perverted satisfaction in telling some bit of gossip that casts an unfavorable shadow on a shipmate, his wife or girl friend. This is not honest, and the teller hides behind the phrase, "I heard, etc.," or "they say." All have been guilty at some time in our lives and are ashamed of it.

The control of what we say is an age-old problem. Proverbs 18:8 says, "The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of our being." In the Epistle of James, it is written: "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." Sacred and secular writings are full of similar statements.

With good reason you admire the person who speaks well of others and speaks of unfavorable traits in others only when it is something which he knows is true and knows that it is necessary to say it for the good of others.

You can not get rid of a habit and leave a vacuum, as something must rush in. It would be an excellent plan if you used this desire to tell an unusual bit of news first by turning it into a helpful channel. You can! Just look for the best in your friends and shipmates and speak about it. In this way you will create a feeling of good fellowship and friendliness.

H. E. LeMAY,  
Chaplain.

Do you really want to know why Joe Wise up at the maintenance shop is just simply busting out all over these days? Well, sir, Joe sat down with a clean piece of paper and a sharp-pointed pencil the other night and did some plain figuring. And guess what? Joe found out that, at the rate he's going on Payroll Savings—putting aside 10% of his yearly income every month—he's going to have ONE WHOLE YEAR'S SALARY FREE, come 1963. Comes to a heap more, too, when you start figuring interest. And that, between you and me and the paying teller's window, is a pretty smart deal! Whaddya say?

## Rules Listed by VA to Prevent Delay In Delivery of GI Allowance Checks

The Veterans Administration has listed some rules which the veteran-

trainees and their schools can follow under the Korean GI Bill. They have been formed to prevent delays in veterans' monthly GI allowance checks.

First, the monthly certification of training should be completely filled out, signed, and dated, both by the veteran and representative of the school. They should be submitted as soon after the end of the month as possible.

Any change in a veteran's training status, such as changing from a full-time to a part-time student, should be reported to the VA.

An allowance is based, among other things, on the number of training hours each month. If classroom time is cut down, and VA is not notified, collection of overpayment is the only alternative once VA learns of the fact.

Third, VA warned it cannot make any allowance payments under the law, unless it has been approved by the State Approving Agency. (AFPS).

Buy U.S. Defense Bonds today. Now they earn interest ten years longer.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900

Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday

HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday

morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

## Red Cross Ramblings

### MOVIE SET

The Red Cross cinema attraction for the week of 5 August through 11 August will feature that comedy team Martin and Lewis with Lizbeth Scott in the comedy "Scared Stiff." Only one full length film will be shown on the ward movie schedule this week, but the following week will feature two movies.

### THANKS

The patients who use the Red Cross Lounge as their home away from home want to give a hearty thanks to the Gray Ladies, canteen workers, hostesses and motor corps drivers who have come regularly during these vacation months.

### FLOWER FATIGUE

The sun shines and the rain falls, but not where many flowers and plants are doing their best to make the patio in the Red Cross Lounge an attractive and restful place to be. All that they ask is a little attention from a friendly gardener who will give them a drink of water and watch for weeds. Anyone who is interested in gardening can make a useful contribution to the beauty of the Lounge. You are invited to talk with Mrs. Edwards, Recreation worker there.

### OUI-OUI!

Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon many interesting and provocative French words and sentences are heard in the patio of the Red Cross Lounge or in the shade of the adjacent lawns. A determined look on every man's face is evident, for these men are busy concentrating on a "lecon francais" (a French lesson). Instruction is available through Oakland Chapter Red Cross with Mrs. Alice Lingert serving as language specialist. Having devoted considerable time as instructor in both the German and French languages, Mrs. Lingert is highly qualified. Join one of these French "tete-a-tetes" in the lounge patio from 1400 to 1600 hours.

They say money talks, but it usually goes without bothering to say goodbye.



Essie L. Mullins

## Staff Mourns Loss Of Faithful Friend

Members of the staff this week mourned the loss of a valued worker and friend, Essie L. Mullins, who had been employed in the Commissary since the hospital was commissioned in 1942.

As night cook for 10 years, she had endeared herself to all who knew her. Since holidays are not usually celebrated at midnight in the Navy, Mrs. Mullins provided Christmas, Thanksgiving, and other holiday trimmings for "her boys" when they came for dinner at 2400, buying with her own money the table decorations and the many little "extras" that make the night crew feel at home.

Mrs. Mullins contributed generously to every worthy cause supported by the hospital. She made a business of saving dimes, and when she paid her last visit here on the day CAP Bradley assumed command, she left her usual 100-dime contribution to be added to Oakland's Cerebral Palsy fund.

Essie died Sunday noon, ten days after she suffered a stroke from which she never regained consciousness. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Oakland, with a number of her friends from Oak Knoll in attendance. She is survived by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matthews of Oakland, and three grandchildren.



Several members of the Stamp Club are pictured above showing their albums to Marie Adams, Red Cross Field Director. This group has made use of the resources available at the Red Cross recreation department and all have made considerable progress in building their stamp collections. The philatelists are, left to right, Joseph Benon, SN, of 45A; R. J. Nation, CSS, of 48B; Fred Bremner, HN, Special Services; C. G. Bortolin, AM2, of 62B; and Julius Weisberg, ROSN, of 45A.





Newlyweds—the former Gloria Flory, HM3, and her husband, Donald Schmidt.

## Gloria Flory, HM3 Wed in Chapel

In a double ring ceremony at 1200 last Saturday, Gloria Flory, HM3, of the Physical Therapy staff, and Donald Schmidt, former Navy radioman, were united in marriage, with LCDR Edmond J. Ford, Catholic chaplain, officiating.

The bride wore a gown of white lace and tulle over satin, with a fingertip veil, and carried a white Bible, which her bouquet of white orchids and stephanotis was attached. She was given in marriage by Joseph Perez, civilian physical therapist.

Attending the couple were Miss Margie Schmidt, sister of the bridegroom, and Ernest Prince, HM3, of Physical Therapy. Miss Schmidt wore a gown of pink tulle and satin and a crown of pink carnations to match her bouquet.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the lounge of WAVE Quarters, and from there Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt left on a week's honeymoon, their destination unannounced.

The bride, whose mother came here from Sanford, Maine, for the ceremony, has been at Oak Knoll since last November. She and her husband met here through mutual friends. Released from the Navy several months ago, he is now working as a mechanic at Western Sky Industries near Hayward Airport. His family home is in Marshall, Minnesota.

## President's Retired Yacht Seventh to Hold Title

The Presidential Yacht, USS WILLIAMSBURG, recently retired by President Eisenhower, was the seventh vessel to bear that title.

The other six were as follows: the steamer, USS DISPATCH, assigned to President Hayes in 1880; the USS DOLPHIN from 1900 to 1905; the USS SYLPH serving Presidents McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt and Taft; the USS MAYFLOWER, assigned to Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Taft, Harding and Coolidge; the USS SEQUOIA, for President Frank-

## SCUTTLEBUTT

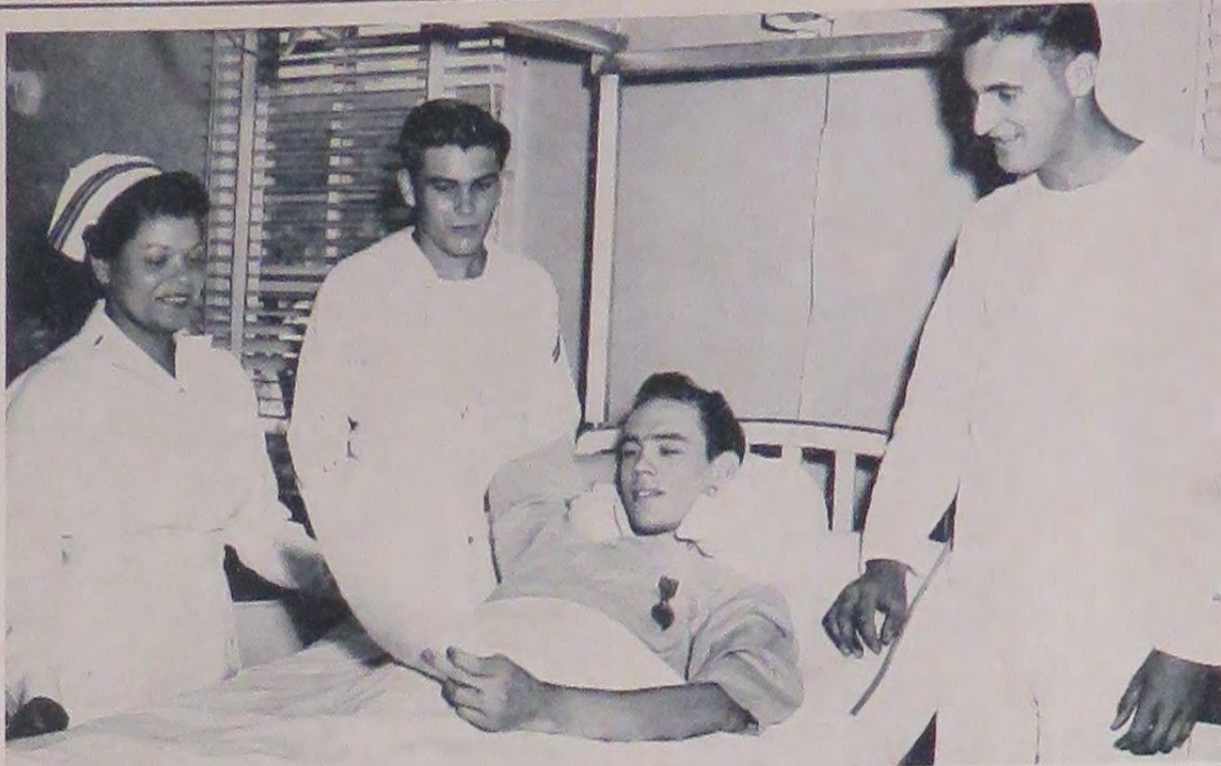
### PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:

Civil Readjustment's Joan Mills scooped this column Thursday morning when she passed a box of candy to her shipmates, announcing that when H. M. Proper of the Record Office leaves for Bethesda, she will go along. The popular blonde pair will be married sometime next week at Joan's home in Oakland. . . . Marvin Williams, HN, of the NP school, has announced his engagement to a young lady named Frankie Lawrence. and Ralph Snelson, HN, of 51A, recently claimed a bride in Red Bluff, Calif. . . . Adobe Creek is now just a memory, a pleasant one for the many who motored down to Los Altos last Saturday. . . . Bob Handley, HN, of Commissary, and Fred Leonard, HM3, of the MAA staff, made home runs for the winning team in a spirited baseball game. LT Cox slid into home on his face, and "Tattoo" Noddin, DT2, ran into a car while trying to chase a home run ball, but otherwise, there were no casualties, and a good time was had by all. . . . Pat Lawn, HN, on night duty on Ward 78 A, will claim a Mare Island WAVE as his bride in September. . . . Congratulations to Doctors Douglas N. Jenks of the Amputee Service, and Raymond J. Starrels of the Psychiatric Service. They're both LTs now. . . . Muriel Haugh, Oak Knoll's Navy Relief nurse, is on leave from her duties to await a visit from the stork.

. . . Rusty, the red-haired chow hound, is wearing a natty new blue jacket when he answers chow call these days. Patients Patton and Haskins are responsible for the "creation," which is neatly collared, buttons down the front, and looks very well with the hound's red hair. . . . CAPT Richard Silvis' leave in Trinity Alps was cut short by illness, from which he is now recuperating on 50A. . . . LT Robert Baker of OB-GYN, had to desert his patients Tuesday and turn in for an emergency appendectomy, but he was up and around and looking chipper on Wednesday. . . . That willowy WAVE, Lenore Keith, is sporting one of the best tans on the compound. . . . One of the most enthusiastic visitors at the sports car show was CAPT R. L. Gilman, Acting Executive Officer, who was there snapping pictures right and left. And another enthusiastic sports-car owner is CAPT Cecil Riggs, the new Chief of EENT, who drives a black MG. (Watch for a story on him in next week's OAK LEAF.) . . . And speaking of the EENT Department, the staff had a farewell party Thursday noon for two departing members of the staff—LT Margaret T. Marinak, who has orders to Argentina, Newfoundland, and Thomas Burt, HN3, who is now en route to Camp Pendleton and the Fleet Marines.

**OAKNOLLUMNI:** LT Dave Stutler's wife, Edna May, got orders to Washington the day after he left to report for duty at BuMed. Since they are a two-car family, she followed him across country, with Dave making reservations for her at each stop along the way.

lin D. Roosevelt in 1933 and finally, the USS POTOMAC followed in 1936 until it was condemned by the Navy in 1941.



PFC Henry D. Lovern, USMC, of Hialeah, Florida, and 74B reads the Purple Heart citation presented him Monday morning by Captain Bradley, while some of his shipmates look on. Surrounding the 19-year-old Marine are LTJG Dorothy McCree, NC, USNR, ward nurse, Elton Adams and James C. Williams, ward corpsmen. Private Lovern was wounded in action in Korea on 28 March and arrived here aboard the HAVEN late in May.

## "What America Means to Me," Subject Of Letter Contest Offered Servicemen

The Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., has established a new category of cash and George Washington Honor Medal Awards for "letters from service personnel," the Defense Department announces. Subject of the new awards category will be: "What America Means To Me."

Servicemen and women, at home and abroad, may submit letters of not more than 500 words on what America, their home town, or some other part or phase of America or American life means to them. Entrants will be judged on soundness of ideas and clear thinking, rather than literary form.

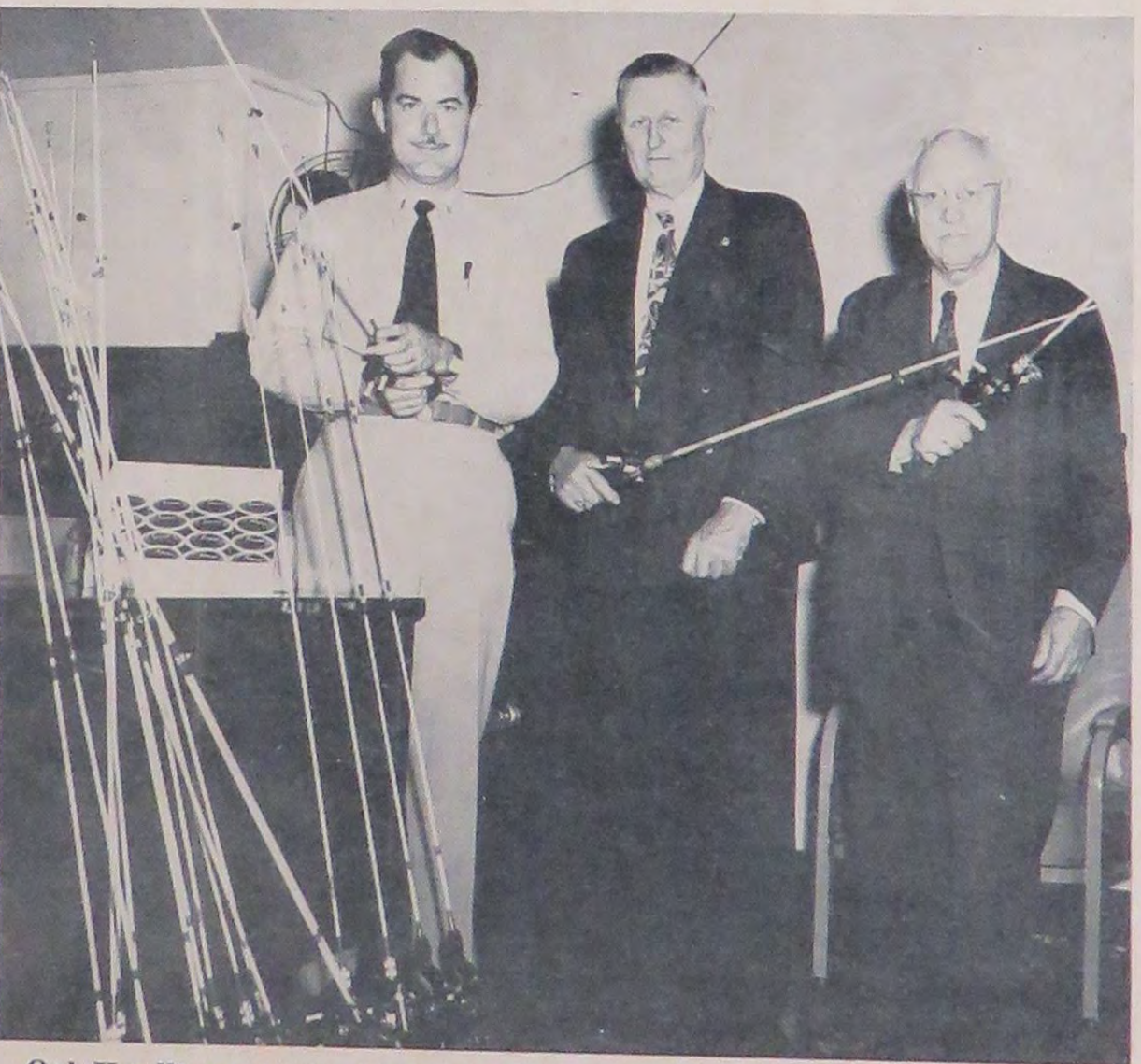
The project will be coordinated with Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge by the Office of Armed Forces Information and Education, headed

by Major General Harlan N. Hartness.

Closing date for this year is 15 Oct. 1953. Entries will be accepted immediately. The winners names will be announced by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, 22 Feb. 1954.

A principal award of \$1,000 and an Honor Medal will be granted for the best letter. Twenty awards of \$100 and George Washington Honor Medals, and 10 or more additional Honor Medals will be given to this year's awards recipients.

Letters submitted in nomination for the announced awards must be sent to Awards Editor, Armed Forces Radio Service, 1016 N. McCadden Place, Los Angeles 38, Calif., and bear the signature, rank, service number and organization of the entrant.



Oak Knoll's good friends, W. L. Roberts and G. H. Wigginton of the Berkeley Elks Club donated 20 glass fishing rods and as many reels, plus a generous supply of nylon line when they called recently at Special Services. LTJG R. G. DeWitt, Special Services Officer, left, was happy to accept the gifts for the hospital's patient fishermen. Mr. Wigginton is the man in the center, Mr. Roberts at the right. Both are regular callers, and their organization is a regular contributor to Oak Knoll's recreation program.



## Softball Team Splits Two Practice Games

The Oak Knoll softball team split two practice games last week in preparation for their entry in the Oakland city O.R.D. league.

Thursday the Knollites came from behind in the sixth inning to score six runs and beat Travis Medics 9-7. Winning pitcher was Wayne Niday, who relieved Jack Young in the sixth and held the Army team hitless in the final two frames.

Tuesday against the strong Parks Air Force nine, the locals went down to defeat, 5-4, as the winners pushed across a run in the final inning to eke out their narrow victory.

Hurling for Oak Knoll was Vic Irving, who allowed the heavy-hitting Air Force team ten hits while his teammates were collecting eight. Errors in the early innings proved to be the downfall of the Knollites as they allowed two unearned runs to cross the plate in the first three frames. Heavy sticker for the hospital nine was LeRoy Judd who collected three hits in four trips to the plate. A home run by first sacker, Don Lanoo in the sixth with Judd on base tied the score, but two hits and an error gained Parks their margin for victory in the last inning.

## Treasure Island Beats Oak Knoll at Chabot

Oak Knoll golf team lost to Treasure Island 23½ to 3½ at Lake Chabot Thursday, 23 July. This was a non-conference game and did not affect the conference standings. The Knollites are still in second place, twelve points behind the District Communications team.

The results of the game were: DN Jim Tinsley, team captain, 80; CWO F Bryan, 84; Chief V. Johnson, 89; LT E. E. McLoone, 94, and LT J. J. Marra, 95.

Next game they play will be against District Communications. Watch the OAK LEAF for the results.

Hospitals are places where people who are run down wind up.



This handsome 1935 Rolls Royce got the "once-over" from patients and staff who saw the Four Cylinder Club of America's sports car show here Sunday. It was one of 80 cars entered in the competition, which sports car men called the Concours d'Elegance (an assemblage or gathering place of elegant things.)

## Representatives From Many Nations At Concours d'Elegance Auto Show

Oak Knoll had a taste of Old World atmosphere for a few hours Sunday, when autos participating in the Concours d'Elegance were displayed on the hospital grounds.

CAPT B. E. Bradley, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, and Special Services Officer LT R. G. DeWitt, MSC, USN, represented the hospital. Honorary judges were Thomas S. Tull, British Consul, who was accom-

panied by his wife; Lionello Cozzi, Italian Consul, and F. Peters, French Commercial Counselor.

Winning contestants of the auto show walked off with thirty-five prizes.

Robert Valentine, a prominent Bay Area radio broadcaster, as master of ceremonies, explained in detail the various features of each car to the spectators.

Oakland's Bay Area Chapter of the Four Cylinder Club of America was the organizing group responsible for

## Welcome and Farewell

The Personnel Office was active this week, processing 29 new staff members and detaching nine.

Reporting in were CAPT Cecil D. Riggs, MC, USN, from Eye and Ear Infirmary, University of Illinois, Chicago, Ill.; CDR Clement D. Burroughs, MC, USN, from USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; LCDR Traver R. Hamilton, DC, USN, from Naval Dental School, NNMCMC, Bethesda, Md.; J. L. Todd, Jr., HM1, from CincLantFlt, HDQTRS, NAVBASE, Norfolk, Va.; R. I. Quire, HM1, from SCHHOSPADM, Bethesda, Md.; E. G. Strawderman, HM3, USNH, Bethesda, Md.; HN's G. B. Oakes, W. T. Bailey, Jr., C. E. Trover, J. B. Bacher, R. R. Chesney, W. A. Marrison, B. O. Salley, Jr., H. R. Ware, R. J. Wehner, from HCS, San Diego, Calif.; HN's J. B. Harris, T. F. Maxey, D. R. Nelson, J. D. Dellinger, from USNH, Bethesda, Md.; HA's E. E. Adams, S. O. Hickerson, Jr., P. O. Kittle, E. Graves, T. J. Verbish (W), J. T. Anderson, from HCS, Great Lakes, Ill.; HA's W. D. Davis, M. F. Deeter, G. Feliz, P. F. Meek, from HCS, San Diego.

Detached were ENS Rollin H. Flournoy, MSC, USN, to NAVSCHHOSPADM, NNMCMC, Bethesda, Md.; HM3's E. J. Trnka and L. R. Trujillo, to the USS BAYFIELD; HM3's W. A. Gebhardt and D. J. Kauderer, to COMNAVFE; HN's J. H. Beynon to USS MENARD (APA-201), and E. T. David to USS TELFAIR (APA-2210), and R. M. Gregory, DKS, to NAVSTA, Treasure Island.

Released to inactive duty was LT Evelyn E. Erickson, NC, USNR.

## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 2 August

THE PRESIDENT'S LADY—Susan Hayward and Charlton Heston, DRAMA. Rating: Good. This is a story of the private life of Andrew Jackson and his wife (Susan Hayward), and how a scandal that was built out of nothing affected his life and hers.

Monday, 3 August

THE WILD NORTH—Stewart Grant and Cyd Charisse, Technicolor. Rating: Good. One of those stories where a trapper turns hero and saves a lawman. A Mountie pursues a trapper through the Northwest Woods and the story turns out with a trapper bringing the Mountie back.

Tuesday, 4 August

MASTER OF BALLANTRAE—F. F. Flynn and Roger Livesey, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. Swashbuckling in technicolor, with dashing, romantic Errol Flynn playing the lead and turning from a Scottish nobleman to a pirate.

Wednesday, 5 August

5,000 FINGERS OF DR. T—Peter L. Hayes and Mary Healy, Fantasy. Rating: Very good. This is a technicolor of a man who dreams that he is seated at a table large enough to take 5,000 fingers.

Thursday, 6 August

SO THIS IS LOVE—Kathryn Grayson and Walter Abel, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. Another technicolor picture of the life of Grace Moore. It is full of romantic lovely songs, and old musicals — good names.

Friday, 7 August

THE KID FROM LEFT FIELD—Dale Gribble and Anna Bancroft, DRAMA. Rating: Very good. The story is a baseball production. Losing team turns winner with the help of an ex-major leaguer. With Dale Gribble playing the lead, you can be assured of a heart-warming, comedy situation, and a true-to-life story.

Saturday, 8 August

WITH A SONG IN MY HEART—Susan Hayward and David Wayne, MUSICAL. Rating: Excellent. The picture is an old in technicolor well worth seeing the second time. The story is about Jane Fromm and how she overcame her handicap after being hurt in a plane crash.

the tremendous turnout of foreign and imported and domestic made automobiles. C. S. "Stu" Berry of Oakland was general chairman of the event.

## Staff Personalities



A Knollite since January 1953, John W. Pratt, HN, examination and treatment room corpsman (Ward 67B), hails from a farm in Salamanca, New York. John joined the Navy in April 1952 and received his recruit and HCS training at Great Lakes, Illinois. The former Ellicottville Central High School student, besides being an ar-

dent sports fan, played football and basketball as right halfback and center, respectively. Another of his interests is music—he displays his talents with the drums and sousaphone. John either plans to study medicine or music after his hitch with the Navy; if it's music—at Fredonia St. Teacher's College.

The Accident and Investigation at the Inside MAA office is held down by Fred C. Leonard, HM3, USNR, Berkeley, Calif. He enlisted in the Navy in November 1951 and was sent to San Diego for recruit training and then entered Corps School the last August Fred reported to Oak Knoll and was assigned to Ward 50 first as a Ward Corpsman, then as treatment room corpsman, and finally

to his present job in the Inside MAA Office. Before entering the Navy, Fred worked for an insurance company in San Francisco as a clerk. His heart is in outdoor sports, with fishing and hunting leading a long list that includes basketball, baseball and other competitive sports.



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CAPT Cecil D. Riggs

## New EENT Chief Wears Navy Cross

CAPT Cecil D. Riggs, who reported aboard on 22 July to serve as head of the EENT Department, has a knack for being on hand when momentous things are happening, as his ribbons may already have indicated to his more observing shipmates.

He wears the Navy Cross for his outstanding service in treating the wounded under shell fire and bombing during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and he was the Medical Officer in Command of the hospital aboard the USS BENEVOLENCE when she sank outside the Golden Gate in August 1950. His heroic role in seeing that nurses were cared for before the ship sank merited a commendation from the Navy Department and much favorable publicity at the time the ill-fated hospital ship went down. If his name and face are familiar, it may well be due to the fact that both appeared on front pages of newspapers throughout the country at the time of the disaster and to the fact that he was among the many survivors who were brought to the hospital for rest and treatment.

The Captain's forced detachment from the BENEVOLENCE was followed by his assignment to the USS HAVEN, on which he served in and out of the Korean Theater until November 1951. He wears the Bronze Star for his outstanding work in treating Korea casualties.

The new EENT chief's early years followed the normal course. He

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## Advancement Exams To Be Given Soon

The service-wide examinations for advancement in rate to HM1, HM2, and HM3 will be held on 11, 18 and 25 August, at 0800 in Commissary 2.

Tuesday, 11 August, HM3's will take the examination, HM2's 18 August, and HM1's 25 August.

## Heroes Presented Medals by CAPT Bradley Two Sergeants Get Bronze Stars

Two Marine heroes received the Bronze Star Medal; a hospital corpsman and four Marines were awarded the Purple Heart; and three other Marines received the Gold Star in lieu of a second Purple Heart at ceremonies held in the Commanding Officer's office last Thursday.

The Bronze Stars went to SGT Franklin D. McGuff of Montgomery, Ala., and S/SGT Archie L. Robinson of Oakland.

### Heroic Achievement

SGT McGuff, now on 42B, was cited for heroic achievement while serving with a Marine infantry company on 27 March, when he displayed "exceptional courage, initiative and professional skill in the performance of his duties." He was participating in a successful attack on an enemy position and had reached the objective when the unit was subjected to intense hostile mortar and artillery fire, according to the citation.

"Advancing under the barrage, the enemy troops began hurling large numbers of grenades into the trench line and inflicting numerous casualties on the Marines. Expressing complete disregard for his personal safety, McGuff unhesitatingly seized several boxes of grenades and dauntlessly leaped to the top of the trench line and began to throw the projectiles at the enemy. His accuracy in hurling the grenades was instrumental in repulsing the enemy attack."

### Exceptional Courage

Staff Sergeant Robinson earned his Bronze Star for heroic achievement on 25 February while his outfit was "pulling a raid" on Detroit Hill on the Western Korea front. Serving as a platoon sergeant, he displayed "exceptional courage, initiative, and professional skill in the performance of his duties. During a raid on a strongly fortified hostile position, the unit was subjected to an intense barrage of enemy mortar and small arms fire and sustained several casualties. With complete disregard for his personal safety, the sergeant repeatedly made trips to the objective area to bring out his wounded comrades. He aided the platoon commander in controlling the unit throughout the entire action, despite the necessity of exposing himself to intense hostile fire. When the unit began to withdraw from the objective, he again directed the recovery of the casualties. In the face of devastating enemy fire, while evacuating the last Marine from the objective, he was hit in the neck and right shoulder by shrapnel from an enemy mortar shell."

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When S/SGT Archie L. Robinson received the Bronze Star from CAPT Bradley, the most interested person in the audience was his wife, Rose, with whom he is pictured here.



Gilman D. Duffy, HM3, USN, a hospital corpsman on the staff at Oak Knoll from 7 March 1951 to 3 December 1952, was among those who received the Purple Heart Medal from the Commanding Officer here last week.

## Rear Admiral Greaves of BUMED Stops Here En Route to Pacific

RADM Frederick C. Greaves, MC, USN, Inspector General for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, stopped at Oak Knoll Monday night en route to Honolulu, Japan, Guam, and other points in the Pacific, where he will inspect Navy Medical Installations.

Admiral Greaves, who was Com-

manding Officer at Bethesda when Captain Bradley was Exec, visited the skipper and his family and called on Admiral J. B. Logue, the new District Medical Officer, before taking off on the MARS Monday night. His Administrative Assistant, LCDR E. White, MSC, USN, accompanied him on his tour.



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### A FALSE IDEA

St. Paul says, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice." (Phil. 4:4) If we want to serve God, joy should not only be an element; it should be the staple of our life. Our difficulties are so great, our enemies so many, that unless we are supported by joy, it would be impossible to do what God wants us to. Now this is a matter of great importance. There is a general misconception among those people who are not sympathetic with any religion, that to serve God one must be filled with sobriety, dejectedness, yes even a great sadness. They associate religion with musty old monasteries, bedraggled and dour religious, uneasiness of mind, not getting anything out of life—complete frustration. Entirely false.

St. Paul speaking under the dictation of the Holy Spirit, says, "Rejoice, again I say rejoice." If we think the idea of a member of any Church is to be sad, it is quite wrong; it is the direct opposite to the truth. No matter what the world thinks, the greatest happiness, joy, and gladness in this life is contained in doing God's will. Yes, satisfaction can be derived by those who forget God and "eat," "drink" and are "merry" in breaking His commandments. But theirs is a restless life. Satisfaction never brings contentment but only cries for more. Happiness and joy are self-sustaining. Don't be deceived. Religion means far more joy than you can imagine. You might give it a try, and you will be less apt to judge so rashly.

—E. J. FORD, Catholic Chaplain

## Welcome and Farewell

It was a rather quiet week for Staff Personnel, as 18 newcomers reported in, 26 were detached, and four were released to inactive duty.

Reporting in were LT Theodore L. Batchelder, MC, USNR, from Commander Mine Division Eleven; LTJG John Jacobs, MC, USNR-R, from inactive duty; LTJG Norman P. Johnson, MC, USNR, from USS CONSO-LATION (AH-15); LT Ella M. Vick, NC, USN, from USNH, Beaufort, S. C.; LTJG Barbara J. Kloskowski, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, N. Y.; H. B. Carter, Jr., HM1, from NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; (W) G. C. Bourne, HM3, from USNH, Mare Isl-

and; HN's J. M. Cavis and W. L. Chew, from HCS, San Diego; HN's M. E. Vondra and E. L. Wilkinson, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Illinois; R. (n) Williams, HA, HCS, San Diego; E. B. Nunziato, DKSA, San Diego; and HA's A. E. Auman, V. M. Johnson, M. L. Vasquez from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Illinois, and A/3c F. E. Blanchette, from USAF-HDQTRS, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Detached were LT Donald S. Amatuzio, MC, USNR, to FMF, Camp Pendleton; LTJG Emanuel Salzman, MC, USNR, to Naval Dispensary, San Francisco; LTJG Francis T. Day, MC, USNR, to USS TELFAIR (APA-210); LTJG Lawrence R. Irish, MC, USNR, to USS MOUNT McKINLEY; LTJG George F. Monahan, Jr., MC, USNR, to Naval Sch. of Aviation Medicine, NAS, Pensacola, Florida; LTJG Rudolph H. Miller, MC, USNR, to FMF, 3rd MARDIV, Camp Pendleton; LTJG Dean H. Hausrath, DC, USNR, to USS YORKTOWN (CVA-10); LT Margaret T. Mariniak, NC, USN, to NAS, Argentia, Newfoundland; LTJG's Gloria M. Whitfield, NC, USN, and Eleanor M. Mazar, NC, USNR, to USNH, Yokosuka, Japan; HMC's J. F. Anderson and L. J. Henney to COMNAVFE; HM1's W. E. Potts, J. N. Sklinchar and J. L. Tweedy, to 3rd MARDIV, Camp Pendleton; W. H. Cullum, DT1, to US-Marine Bks, Camp Pendleton; HM3's D. V. Mattson, C. E. Younger, H. R. Landry, G. F. Burgess, T. A. Burt and D. R. Myrick, to 3rd MARDIV, Camp Pendleton; HN's L. J. Gonzales, J. E. Mason and F. J. Reinhard, to 3rd MARDIV, Camp Pendleton; and J. D. Hockey, HN, to USN Radiological Safety Laboratory, San Francisco.

## Crutches, Posters Demonstrate Safety

The Hospital Corps School for non-rated men presented short skits on the theme of Ward Hazards this past week to port and starboard watches to stress the importance of safety while working on the ward.

The title of the starboard skit was, "The Crutches," with Cecilia Cunha, HN, playing the part of the ward nurse, Jane Harkins, HN, as the WAVE on duty, Reynold Kordatyky, HN, as the corpsman, and Robert Mulroy, HN, and Willard Rasmussen, HN, as the patients on the ward.

Four port watch students presented a lecture and demonstration on ward hazards to their classmates. The lecture was given by Jerry Warner, HN, while HN's Gloria A. Schaffer and Luther W. Black assisted with the display of posters created by the capable Helen Kuchera, HN.

After each section's presentation, a discussion was held covering the hazards encountered during ward duty. Dangers such as smoking in bed, dirty TPR trays, loose floor mats on slippery floors, faulty equipment, clean labeled medicine bottles and the proper administration of pills were among the subjects discussed.

LT Mary Martin of the Nurse Corps is instructor of the classes.



Robert E. Johnson, SN, a patient on Ward 41B, tries out one of the new crutch holders installed by the Telephone Company on all telephone booths for crutch patients who telephone from the Community Service Building or the booths near the Commissary. The new devices, five-foot stainless steel racks with three-foot holders, were designed especially for the convenience of crutch users.

## Promotion, Discharge, Re-enlistment For Patient, Temporary Staff Member



YNC Robert Moore—promoted, discharged, shipped over.

Robert Moore, YN1, USN, patient and temporary staff member, last week was promoted to YNC, discharged and re-enlisted prior to his departure from the hospital, where he had been under treatment since early in May.

Chief Moore, in the Navy since 9 October 1945, was en route home to Long Beach after a tour of duty aboard the USS IMPECCABLE (AM-320) when an automobile accident "detained" him here.

The 25-year-old Chief has made an outstanding record during his eight years in the Navy. He completed his high school course through USAFI, and in addition to attending the School of Naval Justice, completed correspondence courses in military law and Navy regulations during his off-duty hours. In correspondence

The following staff personnel were released to inactive duty: LTJG's Frank C. Eames, MC, USNR, and Robert J. Alderson, MC, USNR; LCDR Wayne K. Detloff, MSC, USNR, and N. A. Copelin, SN1.

relative to his advancement to Chief his work in defending men in court-martial was highly commended.

The Chief had previously served aboard the USS AGENOR, the USS RSAX, and with Portland Sub Group and Columbia River Group, Pacific Reserve Fleet, and during the Korean campaign was on a minesweeper that cleared many paths for the MISSOURI and the IOWA.

Chief Moore, married and father of three, is now en route to San Diego for a course of instruction preliminary to reporting for a recruiting assignment in Chicago.

## Demonstrate New Way For Transfusion of Blood

Ft. Benning, Ga. (AFPS)—A new method of blood transfusion has been demonstrated to 17 Army doctors here by the man who probably knows the technique better than anyone else.

Dr. Henry Turkel, Detroit, has spent 20 years perfecting an instrument for injecting blood directly into the bone marrow, a system which would save many lives during a disaster such as an atomic bombing. He is a consultant for the Education and Training Division, Surgeon General's Office of the Army.

In explaining bone marrow infusion, Dr. Turkel said there are small blood vessels in the bone which carry the blood immediately into general circulation. "It is an alternate procedure to be used when transfusion of blood or fluids into the veins may be impractical or impossible," he declared.

The needle he perfected for the method is injected usually in the breast, hip or leg bones. He said it could remain in a patient's bone for a month, protected by a glass covering, usable for repeated infusions.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday  
morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference  
Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel  
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

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CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL, ON  
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015





The Getzen brothers, James H., left, and Lindsay C., both JG's.

## Med Careers Keep Getzens Together

The Getzens, Lindsay C. and James H., who arrived with the new crop of interns, have a lot in common, but when it comes to telling sea stories, Lindsay can out-yarn his brother any day.

The adventurous member of the family, Lindsay enlisted in the Navy at 17 on 17 June 1941, and following Corps School served successively at USNH, Jacksonville, Fla., the Naval Air Stations at Miami, Banana River, and Melbourne, Fla. During the peak of the war years, from 1943 to 1945, he was busy caring for casualties at Fleet Hospitals 109 and 114 in the South Pacific and organizing musical shows to entertain his patients.

From apprentice seaman, "Doc" Getzen worked up to chief in three years, and shortly after his discharge as a permanent chief in 1947, he received his high school diploma and was ready for higher education.

James also had a previous career in the Navy. He was an SK2 aboard the USS HOMME RICHARD from 1944 to 1946.

Lindsay, 29, and James, 27, who were born in Dade City, Fla., as their home, became classmates at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N.C., and in 1949, as honorary probationnaires in the Reserve Medical Corps, they received ensigns' commissions. Both are active in extracurricular activities, Lindsay leaning to sports and music and James to fraternities and photography. They received their MD's last June.

The younger brother is ahead in the field — matrimony. His wife, who is from Plymouth, N.C.

## More Men Decorated

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In addition to his Bronze Star, PFC Robinson wears the Silver Star and two Purple Heart Medals, all of which he received before his return to the States.

At the same ceremony that honored these two men, CAPT Bradley presented the Purple Heart to Gilman D. Duffy, HM3, USN, of San Antonio, who served at Oak Knoll from 7 March 1951 to 3 December 1952, when he was detached to the 1st Marine Division; to PFC Robert B. Henry, Garland, Tex.; PFC Ulas B. Jackson, La Porte, Ind.; Thomas R. Carter, Pittsfield, Ill.; and PFC Walter D. C. Merriman, Columbus, O. These five men were twice-wounded men who received the Gold Star in lieu of a second Purple Heart.

## SCUTTLEBUTT

**SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF THE TIMES:** Hammering and sawing in the vicinity of the OOD's desk . . . people complaining about the cold, foggy mornings, wishing they hadn't about the July heat . . . the swish of paint brushes at WAVE Quarters . . . the whir of a ragged bluejay's wings as he swoops down on Navy Exchange's sidewalk cafe to snatch a bite of someone's hamburger.

**PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:** Mary Sakata, secretary to Captain Knowles, is wearing a diamond this week and shyly telling friends her plans for a wedding in mid-September. She will become the bride of Robert Agawa, a San Lorenzo nurseryman . . . Chaplain Vosseler became a casualty this week when he broke his thumb playing baseball . . . It's Barbara Perault's turn to be a patient—she's recuperating from a tonsillectomy . . . Pat Zimmerman of OPD is on emergency leave in Grand Rapids, Mich., visiting her sick mother . . . HM3's Lou Eslinger, Lenny Kamsickas, Charles M. Gunn, and Robert W. Glass, are packing their winter woollens for a trip to Alaska—at Navy expense . . . Dick Willis is back in the Record Office after spending his leave in New York. He could keep warm back there, he says. . . A surprise shower Saturday night at the WAVE Quarters brought happy tears to the eyes of Joan Pennock, HN, of 72A, on the eve of her departure for Reno, where she became the bride of Richard Patten, student at the University of New Hampshire, Monday . . . ENS Harold E. Daniel is back from the School of Naval Justice to look after Civil Readjustment and Info and Educational Services . . . Harvey Wylie, HN, of 74A, and three of his patients, Nelson Robbin, HN, PFC Richard Moritz, and CPL James Spain, motored down the road to Baldwin Park last week end . . . LT Chester L. Klein of the Medical Service admits that his good baritone voice was once employed by Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians . . . R. M. Foster of Special Services answers to the name, McGoo . . . Queenie is busy breaking in a new mail run driver. He's Jim McAsey, replacement for Ed Trnka, who has been ordered to the USS BAYFIELD.

**DEVOUT DOGGIE:** "If everyone else goes to church, why can't I?" whimpered a small brown dog at the chapel door—locked out after a visit to the altar during Protestant services last Sunday.

**LIFE BEGINS:** Two staff members are brand new fathers this week. They are Gene C. Henry, HM2 of Surgery 2, whose wife, Phyllis, presented him a 6 lb. 1 oz. son in the wee small hours of Monday morning, 3 August, and named him Michael Rene; and William Harold Garner, HN, of Central Supply. Garner's son, William H. Jr., arrived on 4 August, weighing in at 6 lbs. 10 oz. Both he and his mother, Virginia, are feeling fine . . . Harry W. Strickland, HM3 of 69A, is also announcing the arrival of a son, born Wednesday afternoon and still unnamed at press time. He weighs 7 lbs. 3 1/4 oz. and is the second child for Harry and his wife, Lucille.

Other Purple Heart recipients were PFC Roy A. Hansen, Modena, N.Y.; PFC Charles E. Lantz, Cedar Falls, Ia.; and PFC Richard T. Smith, Decatur, Ill.



Something new was added to the Marine tradition of winning highest honors when PFC Benny Jackson (center) of La Porte, Ind., captured first prize for flavor in the servicemen's most recent cake baking contest at the Oakland USO Club. Chaplain C. B. Knight (left) is pictured as he congratulates Jackson and commends PFC Charles Carr for his efforts in the contest. Carr is from Poteau, Okla. Both patients are from Oak Knoll, and Father Knight was one of the judges whose duty it was to taste each of the nineteen cakes entered in the contest.

## Two Former Staff Doctors Receive Legion of Merit

Two former staff doctors have received the Legion of Merit for outstanding surgical treatment of casualties in Korea.

They are LT Ray V. Grewe, MC, USNR, on the Surgical Service from December 1951, to June 1952; and LTJG Frank C. Spencer, MC, USNR.

## Staff Personalities



The "man of the world" at Commissary is Bob Handley, HN, of Utica, New York. He enlisted in the Navy in May of 1951 and was sent to Newport, R. I., for recruit training. From there he was sent to the USS WORCESTER and had a chance to tour a large part of the world, including Cuba, France, Greece, Newfoundland,

Africa, and Turkey. In Turkey, Bob was detached with the Marines on maneuvers. He was then sent to Corps School at Great Lakes and finally arrived at Oak Knoll in February of this year. While a civilian Bob spent a short time at Utica Junior College, majoring in Industry. In the future Bob wants to be on the New York State Police Force—and to marry Betty Curtis.

Staff Detail's capable Betty Curtis, HN, entered the Navy in June 1952, leaving her home town, Independence, Mo., behind her. After her recruit training at Bainbridge, Md., she graduated from HCS, San Diego, arrived at Oak Knoll in January 1953, and has been employed at her present job ever since. A graduate of William Chrisman High School, In-

dependence, Mo., Betty worked one year as a clerk-typist for the Jones Store Co., Kansas City, Mo. From a spectator's point of view, she enjoys basketball, softball and football; as a participant—it's roller skating. Betty's interest in cooking and sewing will serve her well, as she plans to become a housewife in the very near future.





# One-Hitter Stops Stockton Team

Playing one of their better games of the season, the Oak Knoll softball team swamped the Stockton PacRes-Fleet nine 9-0 Thursday night. The game, played on the losers' diamond, was highlighted by a sparkling one-hit pitching performance by Irving.

The tight pitcher's duel, which saw neither team register a hit through four full innings of play was broken wide open in the fifth when Irving tripled and rode home on LeRoy Judd's double to center field. Two more runs were scored in the fifth by successive singles off the bats of Charlie Bujanda and Mike Napoli. In the sixth the locals countered twice and then added four more in the seventh for good measure.

Judd, the Knollites' big catcher led the Knoll attack with three hits while Irving struck out an even dozen of the hapless losers.

The team's first game in the Oakland Recreation Department league will be played at Greenman's Field at 66th Ave. and E. 14th St. Thursday, 13 August. Starting time is 1915. Admission is free to all O.R.D. games, and the public is invited.

## CDR Barber Passes Board Examinations

CDR Leonard H. Barber, MC, USN, on duty in the Radiology department since 21 April, has been notified that he successfully passed his examinations and has been certified to the American Board of Radiology.

Doctor Barber is the twenty-sixth member of the present hospital staff to be certified by a specialty board.

## UC Invites Patients To Football Games

The University of California has again this year extended an invitation to Oak Knoll patients to attend all of their home football games.

The first game they are to play will be against Baylor University, Saturday, 19 September. Transportation will be furnished by Special Services for the 40 patients invited.



The Sequoyah Country Club's professional golfer, Mr. William Schmidt instructs one of the amputees at the first tee of the club's beautiful golf course, while other patients look on. One hundred and fifty Marines and Navy men from Oak Knoll spent Monday, 3 August, golfing, swimming, and enjoying the fine food and entertainment provided for them. This was the club's "Appreciation" day, planned especially for Korean casualties convalescing here.



Mr. David S. Kennelly, manager of the Sequoyah Country Club, watches as the Chef serves food Smorgasbord style in the main club dining room to some of the 150 Marine and Navy personnel who accepted the club's invitation.

## Help Volunteered For Horseback Riding Club

Miss Osa Harper, Oakland horsewoman, has volunteered her services as an instructor for Nurses and WAVES who would like to form a horseback riding club here.

The first ride was scheduled for yesterday afternoon, and if enough interest is shown, regular activities will be planned.

All who are interested please get in touch with Special Services.

## Lifesaving Class Graduates Thirteen

Another, more advanced group of swimmers, the Lifesaving Class that has been receiving instructions at the swimming pool in Building 135, graduated at 1830, Wednesday. The class is composed of 13 members, dependents of Knollites.

Instructions were given by O. L. Liles, HM3, J. W. Davis, HM3, and A. H. Dearing, HM3.

"White stands for joy and the wedding day is the most joyful occasion of a woman's life."

The skeptic then asked: "Why do the men wear black?"

## More on CAPT Riggs

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studied at the University of Utah and at the University of Louisville, Ky., where he received his M.D. in 1930 and immediately thereafter was commissioned a LTJG in the Navy Medical Corps. He later did post-graduate work in broncho-esophagology at Jefferson Hospital, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and just before reporting here he did advanced work in Otolaryngology at the University of Illinois.

Assignments in addition to those mentioned above have taken Captain Riggs to the USNH, Philadelphia; the Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J., where he reported as relief for Captain Bradley; Navy Recruiting Station, Kansas City, Mo.; School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Tex.; NAS, Alameda; NAS, Santa Ana; aboard the USS PANAY with the Fourth Marines in Shanghai, aboard the USS RANGER and the USS BON HOMME RICHARD, and to the Naval Dispensary, Washington, D.C., and USNH, Bethesda.

Since reporting here, CAPT Riggs and his wife, Dorothy, have taken an apartment at Alvingroom Court, approximately seven minutes from 45B in his black MG.

# Sixty Swimmers Graduate at Pool

Thursday at 0900, four groups "Swim to Live Campaigners" received their Red Cross cards signifying the successful completion of instruction in the 1953 program. The classes are progressively divided into the Pollywogs, Beginners, Intermediates, and Swimmers, each group being formed for the instruction of children of patients and staff.

Instructors for the groups are: W. Davis, HM3, teaching 15 Swimmers; O. L. Liles, HM3, with 15 Intermediates; J. G. Murphy, HM3, with 20 Beginners; and Fred Bremner, HN, with 14 Pollywogs. Miss Be Bradley, daughter of CAPT Bradley, assisted with the swimming classes.

These classes were sponsored by the Oakland Red Cross, Oakland Recreation Department and the Oakland Tribune.

## Golf Meet Cancelled, Knollites Still Second

District Communications cancelled their golf meet with the second place Knollites Thursday, 30 July, at La Chabot because of a shortage of players for the first place Communications team. This game will be rescheduled at a later date.

Oak Knoll, with team captain J. Tinsley at the helm, went to La Chabot Thursday, 6 August, to play against the USS TOLEDO golfers who have won one and lost nine dates.

## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 9 August

SAILOR OF THE KING—Jeffrey Hunter and Michael Rennie, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. The story pertains to a British sailor who is responsible for the sinking of a German cruiser. It starts in 1914, then the story switches to World War II. This is a thrill-packed drama and is well seen.

Monday, 10 August

O'HENRY FULL HOUSE—Fred Astaire, Farley Granger, Charles Laughton, Marilyn Monroe, Jean Peters, Richard Widmark, Anne Baxter, and supported by many stars, COMEDY-DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. There are five great stories written by one of America's greatest humorists, O'Henry. The movie is an "oldie" but surely good enough to see the second time.

Tuesday, 11 August

ROMAN HOLIDAY—Gregory Peck, Audrey Hepburn, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. This is a story of a Princess (Audrey Hepburn) who is from a mythical country. She goes AWOL from her duties as a princess and travels incognito, then meets an American newspaperman who shows her how the other half of the world lives. The movie is filled with realism, excitement and romance.

Wednesday, 12 August

SON OF BELLE STARR—Keith Laidlaw and Peggie Castle, DRAMA. Cinecolor. Rating: Good. Grab your boots and get ready for this another cowboy flicker. The story of Belle Starr is accused of the robbery of a stagecoach laden with gold and then steps to prove his innocence. This show is full of fists, guns, and knives.

Thursday, 13 August

CRUISIN' DOWN THE RIVER—Haymes and Audrey Totter, MUSIC. Technicolor. Rating: Very good. This movie is due to be released to the public the last part of the month. So Oak Knoll is treated to a first-nighter. The story is about a New York crooner who inherits a ship and turns it into a nightclub. Mr. Haymes singing the lead, the viewers are assured of a light and breezy musical.

Friday, 14 August

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY—Lancaster, Montgomery Clift, DRAMA. Rating: Good. Look alive, sailors, for this movie is based on a novel about Army men in the Hawaiian Islands.

Saturday, 15 August

PAT AND MIKE—Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, COMEDY. Rating: Excellent. If you are a Tracy-Hepburn fan, you may have already seen this. The story is about a sports writer and a woman athlete. It is another repeat of full of laughs and funny situations.

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Saturday, 15 August, 1953



Joan M. Mills, one of the hospital's most popular civilians, exchanged marriage vows Friday night with Gaylord L. Proper, HMI, in a civil ceremony at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd U. Mills of Oakland. Joan had been on the staff at Oak Knoll since 1945 and for many months was a mainstay of the Civil Readjustment Office, where she met a variety of people, including her husband, a mainstay of the Record Office. Following the ceremony the couple headed East toward Bethesda, taking their trailer-home with them. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Proper of Beloit, Wis.

## Admiral Dearing Takes New Post

Of interest to his many friends and former shipmates at Oak Knoll is the word that RADM A. H. Dearing, MC, USN (Retired as of 1 July) has been appointed Executive Secretary to the College of American Pathologists and will assume his new duties at the Chicago Office of the College on 1 October.

In assuming his new post, the Admiral will be working with Dr. David A. Wood, President of the College, who was on the Oak Knoll staff from 1944 to 1946, when Admiral Dearing was in command, and who still serves as consulting pathologist.

For the two years prior to his retirement, Admiral Dearing served as 12ND Medical Officer and Inspector of Pacific Coast Medical Activities, and he and his family have lived in San Francisco.

## County Association Invites Forty Patients

The Alameda County Employees Association has invited forty patients to the Oakland vs. Hollywood baseball game Tuesday, 18 August.

The bus will leave the Community Building at 1900. Sign up now at Special Services so a seat will be reserved for you.

## Winifred Ely of ARC At Freedom Village

At Panmunjom last week a good-natured, bewhiskered warrant officer from Fresno, just released from a communist POW camp, watched Red Cross girls handing out comfort items to the repatriated United Nations captives and said:

"I just love to sit here and look at these capitalist, warmongering American gals.

"It's the greatest sight I've seen in two years."

One of the warmongering girls was Miss Winifred Ely, assistant Red Cross field director for recreation at Oak Knoll for six years prior to her departure for the Far East last October.

## Combo Variety Show Monday Night Event

Vonna Lee Rose, once again, is bringing a stage show to Oak Knoll for patients and staff. This show, the Combo Variety, will be presented Monday, 17 August, in the auditorium at 1900.

Hula dancing, piano duets, tap dancers, and singing will be the highlights of this variety show.

## Examination Schedule

HM3's who are qualified to take the advancement in rate test for HM2 will take the examination Tuesday, 18 August, in Commissary 2, at 0800.

## New Exec Reports on Board

### Captain Herman Gross Former Fleet Surgeon

Surgeon, administrator and sportsman is CAPT Herman A. Gross, MC, USN, who reported aboard on 5 August and is rapidly becoming oriented to his new duties as Executive Officer. The Captain comes from Norfolk, Va., after serving for the past two years as Fleet Surgeon for the Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet and Director of Medical Affairs for the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic.

CAPT Gross, 49 and a native of Illinois, was educated at the University of Illinois, University of Chicago, and Loyola Medical School and has been in the Navy since being commissioned a Lieutenant Junior Grade in June, 1929.

### VARIETY OF ASSIGNMENTS

Ashore, he has had duty at USNH, Brooklyn, with the Civilian Conservation Corps, at USNH, Washington, D. C., the U.S. Naval Medical School, Washington, D.C.; USNH, Pearl Harbor, T. H.; USNAS, Jacksonville, Fla.; USNH, San Diego; USNH, New Orleans, La.; Fleet Hospital 114 (at the last two serving as Executive Officer). He returned to San Diego to serve as Chief of Surgery from 1945



CAPT Herman A. Gross

to 1948, and from 1948 to 1951 was Chief of Surgery at USNH, Bethesda, Md.

At sea from 1941 to 1942 Doctor Gross served aboard the USS MINNEAPOLIS.

He holds the Commendation Ribbon with Combat "V"; the Navy Unit Commendation; American Defense Service Medal; American Area Campaign Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal; Victory Medal, World War II; and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

### MEMBER OF BOARD

CAPT Gross is a member of the American Medical Association, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, and an Honorary Member of the Washington Academy of Surgery.

While the Captain becomes adjusted to his new office in the Ad Building, his wife, Mildred, and their two daughters, Hermine Louise, 19, and Margaret Claire, 17, are making themselves at home in Quarters A. Both girls will return to the East in September, "Hermie" to Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va., and "Peggy" to the University of Maryland.

Next to his family, golf and fishing are the new Exec's major interests when he's not on duty.

## Marine League Invites Patients to Picnic

Forty patients are invited to the nearby Zoological Gardens Sunday, 23 August by the Marine Corps League and Auxiliary.

Chow, games, and GIRLS will be on the picnic program, which starts at 1100. Contact Special Services if you plan to attend. Transportation will be furnished.



These five civilian workers were recently rated "Outstanding" by their supervisors and the hospital's Performance Rating Board. They are, left to right, Edna Bourdase, secretary to the Administrative Officer; Shirley Street, clerk-stenographer in the Finance Division; Betty Winsby, supervisory clerk in the Record Office; Dorothy Thompson, information specialist in the Commanding Officer's Office, and—practically surrounded by the ladies—Henry Petersen, electrician in the Maintenance Division. Their rating, based on quality and quantity of work, plus adaptability, was for the year ending 31 March.



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Most of our unhappiness comes from maladjustment. If we put first things first we would have little trouble. That is the meaning of the first commandment. God comes first. "I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt not have strange gods before Me." When we relegate God to the background and substitute for Him some god of our own making, our frustrations take shape. The love of another human is never a substitute for the love we owe to our creator. All humans have feet of clay, and human love unless ignited by divine love has little to offer. Our divorce courts are full of those who, remember, were going to love each other until death do us part. When will we learn that we really can't love each other unless we first love God and face our responsibility to Him.

The first adjustment we make to life is acknowledgment of the Creator of life, and recognition of personal responsibility to Him. When God is not put first and foremost, nothing else follows. Man will always be out of place unless he puts God in His right place. God made man for Himself and no one, or no pleasure, or no vice, nothing on this earth will ever be a substitute for God. Put God first in your life. Forget yourself and all the strange gods for awhile and give Him a chance. You'll begin to understand what God should mean to you and how much you mean to Him.

C. B. KNIGHT,  
Catholic Chaplain.

## Oak Knoll Makes PR "Newsletter"

The PUBLIC RELATIONS NEWSLETTER published by the Navy Department Office of Information this week carried the following item as one of several examples of fine community relations:

U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, Oakland, Calif., was approached by the Superintendent of Alameda County Schools this spring when the Shrine Circus came to Oakland. He asked the hospital to supply a doctor each of the four days during matinee performances. The doctors killed the proverbial two buzzards with one rock as they showed up with their own families and enjoyed the show themselves. While there were luckily no

casualties, the school children were able to attend en masse since there was always "a doctor in the house." Judging from literally scores of letters received from appreciative children, it may be they've developed some prospective Naval Academy graduates—Class of '65! Here's a sample:

"Dear Gordon" (CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, then CO of the hospital!—Ed. Note).

"Thank you fro being at the Shrine Curcis. In case some children got hrut (sic) you were there to take care of them." It was signed by a sixth grader from San Lorenzo.

## Medical, Dental Care Bill For All Military Personnel

The equalization of medical and dental care for all eligible dependents of military personnel has been recommended to the Defense Department by the Citizens Advisory Commission on Medical Care of Dependents of Military Personnel.

The report emphasized that medical care has been confined to those living conveniently near military medical installations. Those living at a distance were eligible, but generally medical attention was beyond their reach. This was also true in congested centers where military medical facilities were often inadequate to meet the needs.

To prevent excessive demands, it was recommended that the patient be required to pay the first \$10 plus 10% of the remainder of the bill for any one illness treated by civilian doctors.

All regular, reserve and inducted members of the Armed Services on active duty would be eligible for care of their dependents.



A spirited cribbage tournament engrossed Ward 61A this past week, with Robert C. Parker, CSC, emerging as the final winner and Thomas W. Styr, veteran, the runner-up. Both are pictured as Mrs. Evelyn Langner, F. Cross Gray Lady, presents their prizes. S/SGT H. B. Burns and San Scolz, CN, end men in the picture, were participants as were J. E. Schweizer, SN, G. Johnson, C. F. Straley, CSC, and John Shuster, BMC, of the ward. There is usually a game in progress any hour of the day!

## Red Cross Ramblings

### GOOD OLE SUMMERTIME

Bathing beauties, summertime songs, a milking contest and an old-fashioned "meller drama" were enjoyed by all at the Lounge recently. Sponsored by the Red Cross trainees, the activities centered around summertime attractions. Clever puppets, handmade by the trainees, were placed in the Lounge patio and announced the event.

Winning the doodling contest, Jonathan Warren, SN, of 49A showed great skill in drawing a bathing beauty, using lines which had been marked on the card. Summertime songs were played on the piano in the next contest, and SGT L. P. Polson of 43A scored the most song titles correct. The milking contest ended with Carl Halperin of 43B the lucky winner.

The good, old fashioned meller drama provoked hilarious comments and fun for all. Boos and hisses were loudly proclaimed for the villain while the unique line of the play announcing "I am a tree" uttered by one player nearly stole the show.

### A "REAL COOL" ATTRACTION

The Red Cross Lounge was really "jumping" last Monday night when the top musical combo, the Four Sharps, and vocalist Ruth Doll appeared. It was definitely a "real gone" show with plenty of foot stompin' music, which everyone enjoyed immensely. The Four Sharps and Miss Doll appeared through the courtesy of Mr. Canter, owner of the South Pacific Club in Oakland, who was on hand for the combo's gala appearance.

### BIRTHDAY GREETIN'S

A birthday party was recently held on Ward 79B for PFC Dick Klapp. To his complete surprise, a birthday cake, beautifully decorated and topped with 20 lighted candles, appeared. Strawberry punch, cookies and candy were enthusiastically passed around by his buddies. Klapp is from Michigan and had been majoring in liberal arts at the State University when he joined the Marine Corps and plans to finish his course following his discharge.

### PATIENTS' COUNCIL

At the Patients' Council meeting in the Red Cross Lounge this week, the men brought forth many good ideas and suggestions for future programs. Projects are now under way

to develop such important items as advertising bigger and better dance and a forthcoming patient talent show. The Patients' Council meets every Thursday afternoon at 1430 and is open to all those who wish to attend and observe or make suggestions.

### MOVIE SET

There will be two full-length Red Cross movies shown this coming week, 19 August through 25 August. Kathryn Grayson and Gordon MacRae are featured in the musical "Desert Song." Marlene Dietrich and Arthur Kennedy co-star in the western "Rancho Notorious." Watch for one of these films on your ward.

## New Med. Dept. Course Open to Officers, EM

The Medical Department correspondence course entitled "Pharmacology and Materia Medica" is now available. The course is intended for officers and enlisted personnel of the Navy Medical Department, particularly the enlisted members of the Hospital Corps of the U. S. Navy and Naval Reserve.

The course should further the knowledge of enlisted personnel, especially Hospital Corpsmen First Class and Chiefs, and help them perform their duties more efficiently. It will serve as a foundation for further study, and awaken in those who take it a deeper appreciation of their professional responsibilities.

The complete course consists of eight assignments of the objective type and is evaluated at 24 points. Purposes of Naval Reserve promotion and non-disability retirement. Application for enrollment should be made on form NavPers 992, and forwarded via official channels to the Correspondence Training Division, U. S. Naval Medical School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda 14, Md.

You can float on easy street tomorrow if you start saving Defense Bonds today!

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The old man in the corner wept as the hostess sang "My Old Kentucky Home."

"Pardon me," asked another guest, "are you a Kentuckian?"

"No, a musician."

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel  
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN  
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON  
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015





LCDR Lila E. Suiter

## CAPT Bradley Presents Medal to CDR Suiter

LCDR Lila E. Suiter, MSC, has a new ribbon indicating she has served ten years in the Naval Reserve, and among her souvenirs she has the medal to go with it.

Miss Suiter was one of the first WAVE officers trained at Smith College. She had received her A.B. in Bacteriology in 1936 at the University of California and when word of the formation of a Women's Reserve was released, she immediately began thinking of a Navy career.

Commissioned in 1942, she has since served at the Naval Hospital, San Diego (she was the first WAVE to report there); at the USNH Convalescent Hospital in Yosemite National Park, for a short time at the Oak Knoll lab in 1945, and at USNH, San Leandro, which is now part of Oak Knoll.

Here, where she reported for her second tour of duty in October, 1950, she divides her time between Metabolic Research, the Main Laboratory, and her duties as Officer in Charge of WAVES aboard the station.

## UC Extension Program Started at the Hospital

Hankering after "larnin'"? Did you know that you can accumulate college credits toward a certificate or a degree through the University of California Extension Division?

Ken Coleman, Training Superintendent in the Civilian Personnel Office, hopes that arrangements will soon be completed for courses to be given here at the hospital during both the Fall and Spring semesters.

A class in "Psychology of Group Leadership" is tentatively scheduled for the Fall semester beginning 8 September. The course is highly recommended for supervisors. It will run for 15 weeks, and all civilian and military personnel may enroll, whether they wish college credits or not.

For further information call Mr. Coleman at extension 225.

Dean: "So you admit that this unfortunate freshman was thrown in the fish pond. What part did you take in this affair?"

Sophomore: "His right leg, sir."

## SCUTTLEBUTT

**LIFE BEGINS DEPARTMENT:** LTJG John C. Barnes of 70 A & B is spreading the news of the arrival of his first child, Susan Jean, born on 6 August. The little girl, who weighed 7 lb. 7½ oz. on arrival, is the first child for the doctor and his wife, Elaine... Kenneth Ray Simkins, patient on 75A, had his whole family here this week, when his wife, Carolyn, turned in at the maternity section on 9 August to give birth to a 7 lb. 11½ oz. son named Kenneth Ray, Jr. . . .

**PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:** LTJG's Shirley Feeney and Shirley Jacobson of the Nurse Corps write that they are having a wonderful time on leave in Hawaii... Ernest Connelly, HN, USN, of the OOD's Office, has confided to friends the good news that he will marry Gladys Ross of Berkeley on 6 September... And this afternoon at 1700 the Chapel will be the scene of another wedding when Raymond Hardval, HMI, exchanges vows with Marian Harvard, an Oakland girl. Ray is a recent transfer from ALD to Commissary... Bob "Chief Wahoo" Millar from NP School, received a huge mouth organ from home this week. After playing in the gay spots of Chicago before coming into the service, he missed his music... And speaking of harmony, Dave Patterson sings morning, noon, and night... P. C. Peterson, HN, of 41A, announced his engagement this week. He will marry Maureen Lauritzen of Harlan, Utah, sometime next month... HMC Jules W. Fontaine of EST School, with his trusty spray gun has eliminated the lively swarm of yellowjackets that were nesting behind Ward 49A... Bill Kissinger, HN, of Staff Personnel, is shining up his '42 Ford for a trip home to Silver Lake, Ind. Donald Olson, HN, of the NP Service, will go along... That frustrated fireman, Chuck Sell, HM3, is driving a bright red 1942 Buick around the compound... When HN's Mary Karen Sherer, Helen "Kuch" Kuchera, and Beryl Balfanz (of USNHMI) all three tried to drive a car at the same time, a post on one of the ramps seemed to realize the procedure was dangerous and quickly put an end to it... Dick Baer, HN, is back on the job at the Medical Board after leave in South Bend, Ind... A touch of virus infection has overtaken John Wieks, HN, of SOQ... LT Robert Baker of OB-GYN returned to his deserted patients Monday after a week end of deer hunting. This was his first day back since he underwent an appendectomy three weeks ago... LTJG John W. Bassett, MC, USNR, from the USS CONSO-LATION, on TAD in Orthopedics, has been promoted to LT.

**OAKNOLLUMNI:** Page 1 of last week's ANODYNE from USNH, Charleston, South Carolina, was strictly Oak Knollish. A banner headline announced that CAPT B. N. Ahl was acting commanding officer, and 18 inches of space were devoted to LCDR Clara L. Lampp, NC, USN, new Chief Nurse at the hospital... CAPT L. B. Shone, who has served as Senior Medical Officer at the General Line School, Monterey, since his detachment, was here Wednesday to say good-bye before leaving for a year's study at Harvard Medical School.

## World Tour, VA Job for Doctor Chapman

LCDR Carrie E. Chapman, released to inactive duty last week, is making preparations for more of the many worthwhile enterprises with which she has filled her life. Her immediate plans involve a world tour, after which she will "settle down" in her new job as Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Veterans Administration Hospital in downtown Oakland early in January.

Doctor Chapman, one of the few women doctors in the Navy, was commissioned in the Medical Corps in 1950 after sixteen busy years in civilian medicine.

With a major in bacteriology from Florida State University, she accepted her first real job at Massachusetts General Hospital, doing research and demonstrating autopsy material to Harvard Medical School students. But her one ambition was to be a "medico," and after two years in the lab, she resigned to enter Tufts College Medical School, working her way through as assistant in dental pathology and librarian.

She was the first female intern at Massachusetts State Infirmary and was eventually named assistant staff physician in charge of a 126-bed children's hospital. There she delivered 350 babies and taught students from Tufts College and Boston University medical schools.

During the latter part of World War II, she was a consultant in anesthesiology at a number of large hospitals in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and when she applied for a Navy commission, she discovered that New Hampshire considered her essential and would not release her for active duty. However, she was given a Public Health Commission



LCDR Carrie E. Chapman

and served on a special committee to recruit WACS.

Through a fellowship at Mayo Foundation and Clinic at Rochester, Minn., "Shorty," as the doctor is known to her friends, worked with some of the outstanding surgeons of the world. After twelve years in anesthesia, she entered the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation, and at Mayo made a special study of frostbite. She was on the staff at Acuff Clinic, Knoxville, Tenn., when the Navy decided early in 1951 to give her the commission she had been wanting.

Dr. Chapman's first and last Navy duty was at Oak Knoll, where she has done a great deal of work with polio patients, amputees, and a variety of other types of patients for whom physical medicine is essential to recovery.

## Staff Personalities



If you are wondering who that five-foot bouncing ball of energy is at the Out Patients Department, it is Cecilia Cunha, HN, known as "Cricket" to her friends, from Rodeo, California. Joining the WAVES in September of last year she was sent to Bainbridge, Md., for recruit training, then to Great Lakes to attend Corps

School. Before entering the Navy, "Cricket" worked in a factory in Rodeo. In May of this year she arrived at Oak Knoll and was assigned to her present job. In her "free" time she cooks (specialties are chocolate cake and banana cream pie), sews, reads, and dances. For the future Cricket plans to major in Home Economics at Stanford.

When Harvey Wylie, HN, "gets away from it all," he really doesn't. Senior corpsman on Ward 74A, he makes a habit of taking patients along when he goes on liberty—particularly men who would otherwise stay on the ward. Wylie is from Temple City, Calif., enlisted in the Navy in May 1952, went to boot camp, then to Corps School at San Diego. He

reported here in January and spent six months on night duty. He is married and his wife, Lois, and daughter, Charlene, age 4 mos., are now living in Oakland. Before joining the Navy, Harvey worked as a waiter with a view to opening a restaurant of his own some day somewhere in California. In his spare time he gardens.





## Knollites Roll On; Win Eighth One

The Oak Knoll golf team with team captain Jim Tinsley, one of its mainstays, invaded Lincoln Park in San Francisco to defeat the USS TOLEDO, 22-5, Thursday, 6 August.

This was the eighth conference game in a row that the Knollites have won and moves them to within five points of the conference leaders, District Communications. With this game, the USS TOLEDO has won one and dropped ten games to date.

Those playing besides Jim Tinsley were CDR D. W. Boone, LT J. J. Marra, LT E. E. McLoone, LTJG P. F. Bowlin, a new addition to the team, and Chief V. Johnson. No scores were available at this time.

The Knollites' next game will be played at Lake Chabot at 1215 Wednesday, 19 August, against Moffett.

## Enlisted Men's Center Now Open on Sunday

The Enlisted Men's Center, open since 20 June, is still operating with good results. For some time the club was only open Monday through Friday, but the turnout of personnel has been so good that the "EM" Center has added another day to its schedule, and is now open on Sundays. The hours are from 1700 to 2200.

Hot dogs, coffee, sandwiches, milk shakes, ice cream, and many other edibles are served. Recreation activities include pool, shuffleboard, dancing, ping-pong, and other games.

## Knoll Softball Team Class "B" Champions

Oak Knoll softball team last week won the class "B" championship with a won-lost record of 7-2. The 12ND will present the team with a trophy and players on the team will receive jackets for their efforts during the season.

Those on the team were: L. P. Judd, D. Lanoo, D. Clark, G. Anderson, D. Jenkinson, C. Leonald, J. Poole, O. Liles, V. Irving, S. Young, D. Hines, and M. Napoli.



These dripping dependents, many of whom will eventually become fine swimmers, got their start in the Oak Knoll pool. All have completed six weeks' training in one of the four classes sponsored by the Red Cross, Oakland Recreation Department, and Oakland Tribune and taught by men of Special Services, visible in rear.

## Swimming Classes Graduate at Pool

Seventy-three young swimmers recently qualified for Red Cross cards in four different courses sponsored by the Oakland Red Cross, Oakland Recreation Department and the Oakland Tribune. All children are dependents of Knoll patients and staff.

The advanced group, known as SWIMMERS and instructed by James W. Davis, HM3, included George Hall, Robert Haines, Harold and Tommy Cox, Kathleen O'Connell, Lester Thode, Alonzo Spencer, Allen Pipkin, Susan Smedberg, Beverly Huber, Sherry Byrd, Douglas Campbell, Sally Rogers, Carol Ann Stockfleth, and Steven Clark.

INTERMEDIATES instructed by O. L. Liles, HM3, were Jack Engel-fried, Camille and Glenda Carswell, Tommie Harris, Roy Pipkin, Sheila Schufeldt, David Joslin, Stuart Ducker, Cynthia Stockfleth, Edna

Coswell, Judith Wilson, Larry Purmort, Diane Crowe, Gavin and Winton Cleary, Larry and Paul Vosseler, Diana Boyers, Mary Ann and Beverly Morse, Marjorie Johnson, Mike Thode.

BEGINNERS, guided by Jack Murphy, HM3, were Mike Scott, Wayland Purmort, Tina Colony, George Pipkins, George Robinson, Donnie Robinson, L. Joslin, Richard Wade, Louise Harris, Janet and Linda Haines, Deborah Spencer, Jackie Faunce, Rusty Russell, Cindy Sue Hanes, Sarah Thornburg, Jim, Jo Ann, and Jack Potter, Ann and Wedel Clark, Bruce Crowe.

POLLYWOGS, instructed by Fred Bremner, HN, were Sally and Jim Canfield, Kathy Klein, Charles Boyers, Becky Hanes, Alexis Wade, Linda Schufeldt, Bobby Ducker, Marie Fontaine, Jill Cleary, Bill and Marie Kuziara, Gordon Keeler, Jay Smith.

## Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll's staff this week had a difference of five as a total of 24 came aboard and 29 were either released to inactive duty or detached to other stations.

Reporting for duty were: CAPT Herman A. Gross, MC, USN, from the staff of CinC, Atlantic Fleet; CAPT David C. Gaede, MC, USN, from NAVTRAINCENTER, San Diego, Cal.; CDR Frank T. Norris, MC, USN, from Second Medical Battalion, Second Marine Div, FMF; LT Clarence A. Harvey, MC, from MarPacDept of Pac, 100 Harrison Street, San Francisco; LTJG Edward J. Bechtel, MC, USNR, from Destroyer Squadron Seventeen; LTJG Dennie L. Briggs, MSC, USNR, from U.S. Naval Submarine Base, New London, Conn.; LTJG's Mary J. Nathen, NC, USNR, to Air Transport Squadron Eight—Florence M. Conner, NC, USN, from Air Transport Squadron Three; ENS's Virginia M. Noll, NC, USNR, Joan M. LaBonte, NC, USNR, Marie I. Antone, NC, USNR, Mary T. Minwegen, NC, USNR, Rose F. Solano, NC, USNR, Margaret A. Whitney, NC, USNR, Evalene Davis, NC, USNR, Norma J. Joyce, NC, USNR, Bernadine C. Mociun, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, L. I., N. Y.; F. R. Munce, HM2, 3d MarDivFMF, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; C. E. Diaz, YN3, from AIRTRANSPORTSQ-TWODETACH, Honolulu, T. H.; HN's

P. C. Hatler, G. R. West, Jr., T. J. Giles, HN, from HCS, Great Lakes, Illinois; and HA's J. G. Baker, W. E. Betts and F. A. Bujack, from HCS, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Detached were: LT Edward W. Miller, MC, USNR, to Third Marine Division, FMF; LTJG Elizabeth M. Murphy, NC, USNR, to USNH, Guam, M. I.; LTJG Mary Kalchik, NC, USN, to Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nevada; E. N. Estrem, HM1, to USS OZBURN; W. H. Cullum, DT1, to USM Barracks, Camp Pendleton; HM3's W. J. Hagerty to USN Receiving Station, San Francisco, Calif.; J. R. Schraf to ComNav Philippines; D. O. Dunahee to USS POLLUX, AKS-4; T. D. Mank and J. (n) Vandever to USS CONSOLATION; L. M. Kamsickas, C. M. Gunn, R. W. Glass, L. L. Eslinger, to COM Seventeen; M. A. Christensen, to ComNav Far East; A. B. Smith, to ComNav Philippines; R. R. Clark, AK3, to USN Receiving Station, San Francisco, Calif.; J. H. Johns, BM3, to ComNav Far East; HN's D. A. Morrison and R. D. Pen-witt to USS CONSOLATION; C. E. Hosken and T. H. De Wolfe to ComNav Philippines; J. E. Smith to ComNav Far East, and W. M. Schroeter, HN, to USMARBKS, Camp Pendleton.

Released to inactive duty was: LCDR Carrie E. Chapman, MC(W).

## Football, Pistol Team Take Sport Spotlight

The 1953 football season is about to open, and any staff members interested in playing are requested to contact O. L. Liles at Special Services before Monday, 17 August.

Speaking of sports, the Pistol League is already starting to form for the middle of October. In the meet the 45 calibre is to be used, firing 50 slow and 25 rapid firing. If there is anyone interested, please contact Chief F. W. Cannon through Special Services.

## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 16 August  
MR. SCOUTMASTER—Clifton Webb, George Winslow, DRAMA. Rating: Good. At the moment there is nothing available in our files, but with Mr. Webb as a scoutmaster and Mister Winslow, the boy with the deep voice who played in "My Darling Clementine," you can imagine the type of picture this will be.

Monday, 17 August  
The movie is cancelled since there is a show this evening.

Tuesday, 18 August  
MOULIN ROUGE—Jose Ferrer and Lette Marchand, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. The well known motion picture takes place in the gay city of Paris and gives an interpretation of a troubled girl (Jose Ferrer) in the art world. In Technicolor, this picture was an Academy Award winner.

Wednesday, 19 August  
FLAT TOP—Sterling Hayden and Richard Carlson, DRAMA, Technicolor. Rating: Very Good. The story is an "oldie" but has already proved its worth and all men should see it. The complete picture takes place on the carrier PRINCETON and shows the life, duties, and responsibilities of U.S. Navy fliers. It is a WW II story.

Thursday, 20 August  
STAND AT APACHE RIVER—Sterling Hayden and Julia Adams, WESTERN, Technicolor. Rating: Good. Clean shooting iron, for this is another hard-fighting, fist flying Indian movie. With Mr. Nally and Miss Adams playing in this picture you can be assured of a thrill-packed movie.

Friday, 21 August  
ISLAND IN THE SKY—John Wayne, Lloyd Nolan, Walter Abel, James Aronson and Andy Devine, DRAMA. With a line up of stars like this and with Mr. Wayne in the leading part, how can the picture miss? There is nothing listed in our files and the reviews aren't as yet released.

Saturday, 22 August  
THE SWORD AND THE ROSE—Richard Todd and Glynnis Johns, ADVENTURE, Technicolor. Rating: Very good. Once before this picture was promised to the Knoll moviegoers but was cancelled. Now it is here. Based on the novel "When Knighthood Was in Flower," the picture, produced by Mr. Disney, should be on a par with his Robin Hood.

### NOTICE

No movies will be shown at Officers' Club on Sundays, beginning tomorrow.

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CAPT David C. Gaede, MC, USN

## CAPT Gaede New NP Chief

CAPT David C. Gaede, former chief of the San Diego Naval Training Center psychiatric unit, has reported aboard as relief for CAPT J. F. McMullin, who was detached to USNH, Philadelphia, a month ago.

CAPT Gaede, a graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, has had the usual variety of assignments. During World War II he organized and directed aerial evacuation of casualties in the South Pacific area, and some 8,000 seriously wounded men were evacuated under his direction. The captain, a flight surgeon, is also known for his work in maintaining experience tables for combat pilots, including establishment of rest periods to increase their effectiveness and keep them in good health.

For his work in the Pacific as Staff Medical Officer and Chief Flight Surgeon, First Marine Air Wing, he received the Legion of Merit with Combat V, and he wears the Presidential Unit Citation and the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Medal with four stars.

Since the war, CAPT Gaede has served as resident psychiatrist in the Navy Unit, U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, Fort Worth, Tex.; and as Chief of the Neuro-Psychiatric Department, USNH, Bremerton. He was a resident in psychiatry and neurology at USNH, Bethesda, before being ordered to San Diego, and last year was certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

CAPT and Mrs. Gaede have one son, Rex, 22, a junior at San Diego State College.

### NOTICE

Anyone interested in working at the EM Club on off-duty nights for extra compensation, please contact Chief Johnson at Special Services.

## Steak For Staff At Redwood Park

Redwood Regional Park will be the scene of the Staff Picnic next Saturday, 29 August.

Those planning to go are asked to sign up at Special Services not later than Tuesday, so that there will be enough STEAKS for all that attend. Besides the STEAKS there will be refreshments, games, and baseball for the sportsmen.

Special Services will provide the necessary transportation, also directions for those driving their own cars.

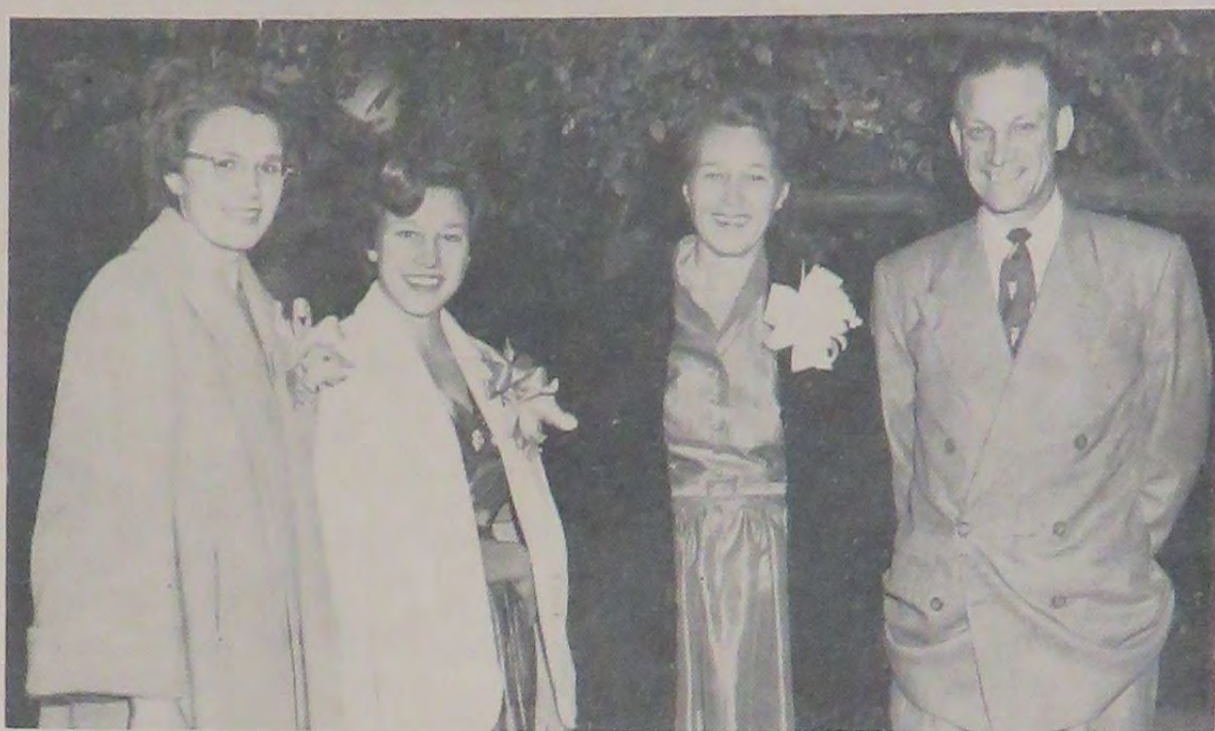
## Fire Dept. Chief Urges Safety

Chief Raser, head of the Oak Knoll Fire Department, this week stressed the importance to military and civilian personnel of the fire hazard created in disposing of lighted cigarettes. He asked that all be extremely careful when disposing of cigarettes and matches around the hospital grounds.

## Examination Schedule

All personnel desiring to take examination for advancement to HN must register for examination at Building 25 prior to 1500 Saturday, 22 August 1953. The examination will be held in the classrooms 1 and E of the same building on Wednesday, 26 August 1953.

Corpsmen must bring procedure cards for registration.



Oak Knoll's new Executive Officer and his family were welcomed aboard at a party in the courtyard at the Officers' Club last Friday, when the staff photographer snapped this attractive picture. Reading from left to right, the three young ladies with Captain Gross are his daughters, Peggy and Hermie Lou, and his wife, Mildred.

## "Tex" Reininger Now Father of Baby Boy

SGT Werner "Tex" Reininger, USMC, Retired, has made headlines again. The San Antonio, Tex., leatherneck, second quadruple amputee of the Korea war, is the father of a seven-pound baby boy.

Reininger, victim of machine gun bullets and frostbite, was at Oak Knoll for more than a year, and on 29 March, 1952, walked down the chapel aisle after exchanging marriage vows with Jeanette Stretton of Hayward. After being fitted with artificial limbs, "Tex" took his bride to San Antonio, where friends raised \$11,000 to build the seven-room home in which they now live.

## Patients To Start Garden Project

The courtyard area between Wards 51A and B is being landscaped and beautified as part of a group activity project, and patients on those wards recently received a generous donation of assorted plants from Hansen's Feed and Fuel in San Leandro.

Bill Falls, manager of Hansen's, presented the nursery stock to CAPT Bradley for use in the project, and CAPT D. C. Gaede, new Chief of the Neuropsychiatry Service, and LT S. E. Willis, Ward Medical Officer, were also on hand for the presentation, as were a number of the patients, who will do the landscaping and planting.

## Two Hospital Corpsmen Presented Commendations

Two hospital corpsmen this week received commendations from Captain Bradley. They were James H.

py from 6 May 1952 to 7 August 1953 read in part, "While serving in this department, you have demonstrated an outstanding sense of judgment and devotion to duty. The efficient manner in which you carried out your duties gave those whom you contacted a feeling of confidence and assurance. All responsibilities and tasks assigned to you have been accomplished in the best possible manner."

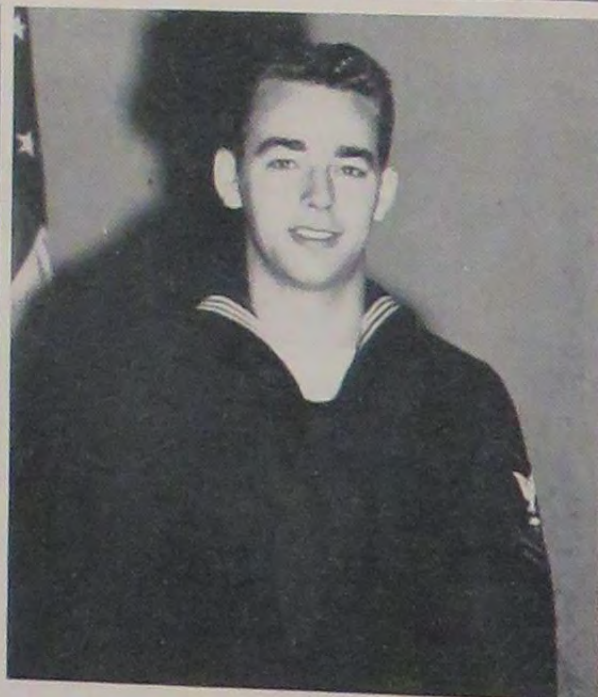
HM1 James H. McKelvey, left, and HM2 Charles Ivan Adams, right, this week were commended by the Commanding Officer for their outstanding performance of duty.

Adams was cited for his work as a laboratory technician in the Pathology service, where he "demonstrated outstanding aptitude for his duties, combining intelligence and technical skills in a manner which contributed significantly to the successful medical care of a seriously



McKelvey, HM1, and Charles I. Adams, Jr., HM2.

McKelvey's commendation for his outstanding work in Physical Thera-



ill patient in this hospital . . ." The commendation further stated: "Your loyalty and devotion to duty is indeed a fine example of the high traditions of the Naval Service and reflects credit upon yourself, this command, and the Naval Service."



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Opportunity is something we do not have to seek. Time and time again it presents itself to us in different ways. The measure of what happiness and joy life holds for us depends a great deal upon how we meet and measure up to the opportunities and challenges that come before us in the course of everyday living.

There is just so much that any one person can do, but there is a big gap between what can be done and what is accomplished. Few individuals use all of their potentialities; thus many opportunities pass by.

Saint Paul in one of his letters wrote, "As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." The more a person unselfishly can do in helping and serving others, the richer and fuller his own life becomes. That is one of life's joyous compensations.

The opportunity to do what is right, true, and good is ever present. It invites us to loving service, the way of abundant living. It is the cement of brotherly love that sturdily builds the structure of life and living, a temple of God.

To have a share in the building is one of our great opportunities and a rare privilege. Time marches on, and we have little time. May this gem of inspiration gird us, "I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

L. C. M. Vosseler,  
Protestant Chaplain.

## Suspend VA Payments For 10 Months

A law, approved by the President on 27 July 1953, provided for the suspension of GI Loan Gratuity payments during the ten-month period, 1 September 1953 to 30 June 1954.

Veteran's Administration recently announced that in compliance with this law gratuity payments will not be made to veterans who obtain GI loans after 31 August 1953.

Previously, veterans who obtained GI loans were given a gratuity payment equal to 4% of the guaranteed portion of the loan up to a maximum of \$160. These payments were cred-

ited to the veterans' loan accounts by the lenders.

Where loans have been initiated prior to the cut-off date, VA said that gratuity payments may be made after 31 August 1953 only if the loans fall within the following categories:

1. A loan on which VA has issued an evidence of Guaranty or Insurance or has issued a Certificate of Commitment dated prior to 1 September 1953.

2. A loan which has been closed and actually paid out in full prior to 1 September 1953 by a supervised lender.

3. A VA Direct Loan which has been closed or VA has issued a Notice of Approval or a Commitment prior to the cut-off date.

VA is urging its Regional Offices and all lenders participating in the GI Loan Program to avoid any delays in processing loan papers which may result in a veteran being deprived of his gratuity.

## Returning Korean Vets Promised Jobs Back

Korean veterans who held Federal jobs when they entered service can have their old jobs back, or receive similar assignments, no matter whether they had permanent or indefinite tenure.

The Civil Service Commission has issued a new regulation covering this situation. Korean veterans previously had restoration rights only if they had left permanent-type jobs. To qualify, veterans must be honorably



An eager and enthusiastic audience filled the Red Cross Lounge for the recent appearance of Ruth Doll and the Four Sharps, a top musical combo of the Pacific Coast. All the patients who could get to the lounge enjoyed this musical treat which was presented through the courtesy of Mr. Cantor (third from the left), owner of the South Pacific Club in Oakland. Gladis Christiana, staff worker, is shown getting a few lessons on the intricacies of playing the string bass.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### CINEMA CIRCUIT

The full length ward movie scheduled for the week 26 August through 1 September is a comedy drama, "Dream Wife," starring Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr. This is the one-movie circuit week which occurs every three weeks when only one film is received; so your ward may be missed this time. The regular two-film schedule will resume the following week.

### CRAFT SPECIALS

Working with copper is a wonderfully interesting and easily accomplished type of craft. At the Red Cross craft shop you may choose from a large variety of designs which provide an attractive motif for a wall plaque, or if you are feeling very artistic, perhaps you would like to design your own original piece.

To weave the simple and attractive place mats, evening bags or the popular feed bag type of purse, send your requests to the craft shop or come down in person on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Doris Ogden, Craft Gray Lady from Berkeley Chapter, will be there with new ideas and designs to be woven.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Traveling to Red Cross Pacific Area Office in San Francisco recently were Marvel Dutton, staff Recreation Secretary, and Marge Edwards, Red Cross Recreation Worker, who received their five-year recognition pins for service in the Red Cross. Ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, and thirty-year service pins were also awarded at this ceremony. Sam Montgomery, Office Manager of Pacific Area Office, conducted the presentation.

### BY TRANSCRIPTION

An unusual and enjoyable birthday observance was held last week on 40B in the room of Mrs. Dennis, wife of Commander Edward G. Dennis (Retired). Several friends and members of the family were present. The highlight of the festive occasion was the pleasure of hearing a half-hour tape recording sent by a daughter, Sister Mary Delores, S.P., at St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana. Through arrangements made by the Red Cross recreation worker, the recording of

discharged and make application within 90 days after leaving the service. ((AFPS.))

vocal numbers was played and shared by the many guests who were able to visit Mrs. Dennis on this memorable day.

### DANCING DATES

Dance at the Red Cross Lounge high atop the hills of Oak Knoll every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings from 1900 to 2045 hours. Hostesses will be there to welcome you, dance, play cards and table games, just chat. Bring your ward friends, drop in to say hello and stay awhile. How about it?

### TELEPHONE BELLES

Come to the party Saturday afternoon, 1400 to 1600 hours, for fun and lively conversation at the Red Cross Lounge when the telephone girls will be present.

### CROON A TUNE

Any of you golden-voiced patients who would like to sing or play an instrument with our all-patient, rotating band is invited to audition any week day afternoon at 1500 hours in the Red Cross Lounge. The band members will be on hand then to welcome you; and if your inclination toward playing an instrument, you are invited to join any of the afternoon jam sessions. The dance band has been very successful at the Tuesday and Thursday Hostess dance nights and deserves commendation for generous contributions of their talents.

## Jewish New Year Invitation Issued

Rosh Hashana (New Year) begins at sundown, Wednesday, 9 September, and ends at sundown, Friday, 11 September.

Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) starts at sundown, Friday, 18 September and ends at sundown, Saturday, 19 September.

All Jewish personnel and their dependents are invited to attend High Holy Day religious services at the synagogue of their choice in San Francisco or the Bay Area. For seating accommodations to these services please call UNDERHILL 3-0620, or write the National Jewish Welfare Board, 1005 Market Street, San Francisco, or call the Chaplain's office for additional information.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030  
Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES  
0600-0800-0900-1200  
DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630  
Confessions before Mass  
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel  
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN  
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON  
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015





CDR John J. Engelfried

### CDR Engelfried Leaves Oak Knoll

CDR John J. Engelfried, Clinical Pathologist for Oak Knoll since 25 November 1950, checked out Wednesday and is now en route to his new assignment at USNH, San Diego.

CDR Engelfried, in the USN since 1941, had previously worked as a clinical, medical, and bacteriological technician and from 1934 to 1938 was a chemist for the department of pediatrics and infectious diseases at the University of Michigan, where he received his BS, Master of Science in Public Health, and his Doctor of Public Health degrees.

He did research work at USNH, Memphis, Tenn., from 1946 to 1947 and at the same time served as an instructor of residents at the VA Hospital there.

CDR Engelfried's accomplishments fill a sizable paragraph in "American Men of Science."

Since reporting here from Bethesda nearly three years ago, he has been in charge of the Blood Bank and the Laboratory Technician School and for six months was head of the Clinical Pathology Department.

CDR and Mrs. Engelfried have four children to take along to San Diego—Charlotte, 17, Joan, 14, John, 7, and Mary, 6.

### New Requirements For G.I. Loans Confront Vets

Different requirements for G.I. loans have confronted the veterans since 5 May of this year.

The maximum allowable interest rate on them has been raised to 4½%, but it is now permissible to obtain such loans with no down payment and with a repayment term up to 30 years if desired.

However, Veterans Administration must have more information from the veterans with service since 27 June 1950, under the Korean G.I. Bill, which extends the loan guaranty benefits of the World War II bill. To pass on a veteran's eligibility, VA must know the extent of his service; what prior use he has made of his loan guaranty benefits, if any; the status of any other G.I. loans, and whether the veteran still owns real property purchased with them.

A cowpoke rode his pony into the saloon and ordered the pony four straight shots.

"What about yourself?" asked the barkeep.

"No thanks, I'm driving."

## SCUTTLEBUTT

### PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:

Mr. Daniel had a busy Wednesday, what with passing candy and cigars and sewing on his new LTJG stripes.

... Dr. James W. Halvorson had no sooner arrived than he was promoted from JG to LT ... Corbitt Ray, amputee driving instructor, and PFC John F. Hardy drove across the bridges to Marin County Tuesday night to speak to the Mill Valley Lions Club ... Freddie Houghton of OPD has leave-itis—second time he's gone home to Missouri in the last three months ... June McDonald is the compound's champ collector, with 28 salt shakers, a doll with six wigs, jewelry from China and Japan ... Fred Leonard has a new pet lizard named Sylvester, keeps him in a plastic house in the MAA Office ... Allen Friedman, HN, of 69A, is organizing a band and expects to be giving out with some "real cool" music soon ... Shirley Street of the Finance Office is driving a becoming new two-tone green Studebaker Starlite coupe ... Joan Smejkal is wearing a becoming new haircut ... Margaret Nielson, Tumor Board secretary, underwent surgery at Peralta Hospital Thursday ... How long the Spencers and Faunces plan to stay at Lake Tahoe we don't know, but judging from the list of camping equipment the two men were organizing, they should be able to manage indefinitely ... Gary Bunker, HN, of ALD, is on leave with his parents in Ellensburg, Wash. ... When Whitey Anderson received a box of cookies from his sister, he generously passed them around, and when the box got back to him, there was ONE cookie left ... Officers and their ladies will probably be doing the hula tonight—it's Hawaiian night at the Club ... LTJG Paul F. Bowlin, Lionel G. Porter, HM1, and James L. Shearin, HM3, are at the Old Spanish Days Fiesta in Santa Barbara with a group of Korea casualties from Oak Knoll. The men are week-end guests of American Legion Post 49 and the City of Santa Barbara.

**LIFE BEGINS DEPARTMENT:**  
LT William J. Collier, Medical Officer on Ward 49B, and his wife, Mary, are celebrating the arrival of William J. II, born here on 18 August. The young man weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. at birth.

**OAKNOLLUMNI:** LTJG Norma Brown writes from NADO, Newport, R. I., that she is "getting into the swing" of things there but still misses Oak Knoll.

### Oak Knoll Facts

Oakland golfers played golf on this site when it was the Oak Knoll Golf and Country Club, just before it became Navy property.

Including the San Leandro section, the hospital compound covers 346.54 acres.

Until July 1949 Oak Knoll buildings were natural redwood and many, seeing it for the first time, thought they had arrived at a high class mining camp.

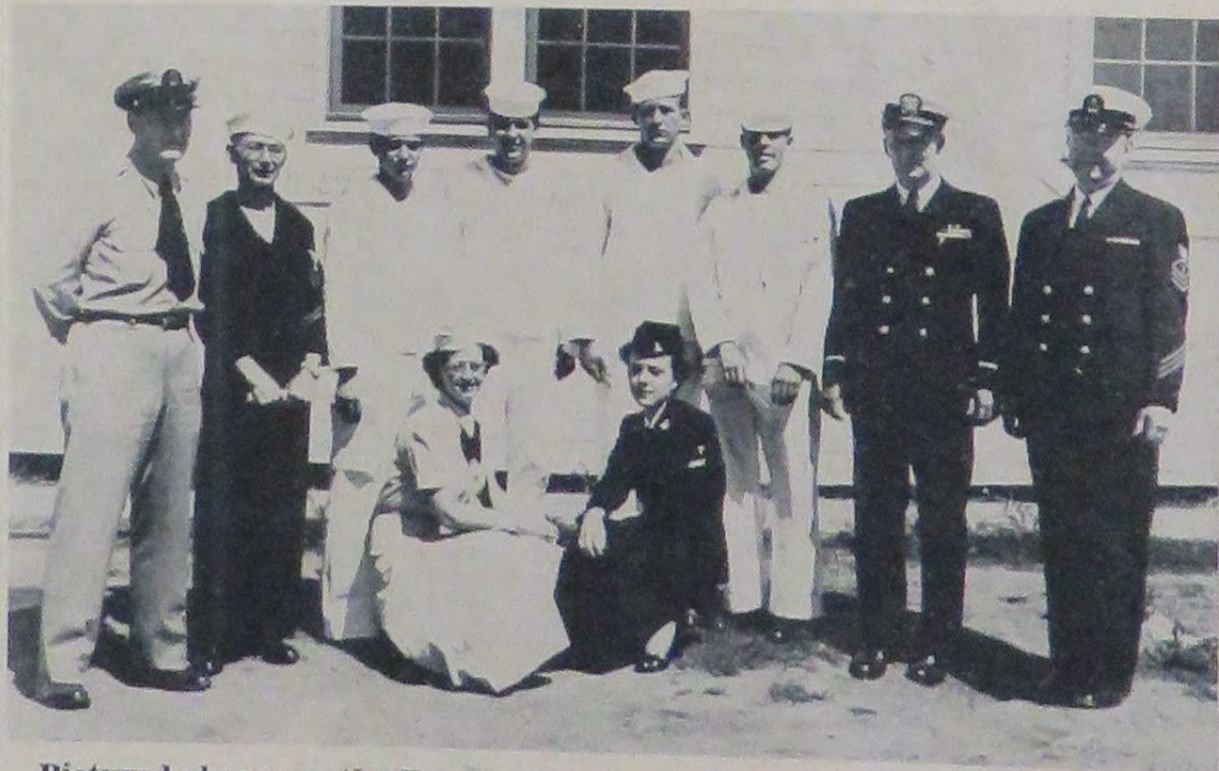
The hospital has had seven Commanding Officers during its 11-year history.

## Bond Buying Nears 70 Per Cent Mark

Oak Knoll's civilian bond buyers are slowly but surely increasing, and 69.2 per cent of the 813 employees are currently taking advantage of the payroll savings plan, according to LT D. A. Wade, MSC, hospital bond officer.

The following chart shows which departments are ahead, which are lagging in this activity, which is a sure way for each worker to provide a secure future for himself and his family.

Component	Deduct	%	Pledges	%	Combined %	On Board	Non Participants
Disbursing Office	16	100.			100.	16	
Pipefitters' Shop	9	100.			100.	9	
Telephone Office	8	100.			100.	8	
Civilian Personnel Office	8	100.			100.	8	
Machine Shop	7	100.			100.	7	
Maintenance Office	7	100.			100.	7	
Directory Service	4	100.			100.	4	
Laundry	40	95.23			95.23	42	2
Power Plant	15	93.75	1	6.25	100.	16	
Finance Office	41	93.18			93.18	44	3
Transportation	35	87.5			87.5	40	5
Carpenter Shop	12	85.71			85.71	14	2
Amputee Service	10	83.33			83.33	12	2
Lbr. Cleaners (Maint.)	5	83.33			83.33	6	1
2nd Floor Adm. Bldg.	8	80.			80.	10	2
Officers' Club (Com.)	7	77.77			77.77	9	2
Record Office	33	76.74			76.74	43	10
Medical Social Service	3	75.			75.	4	1
Garden Crew	17	73.91			73.91	23	6
Paint Shop	8	72.72			72.72	11	3
"B" Watch (Com.)	29	72.5			72.5	40	11
Commissary Office	7	70.			70.	10	3
Electric Shop	9	69.23			69.23	13	4
Nurses' Quarters	26	68.42			68.42	38	12
"A" Watch (Com.)	26	63.41			63.41	41	15
Plumbing Shop	5	62.5			62.5	8	3
Metabolic Research	3	60.			60.	5	2
Special Diet (Com.)	16	59.25			59.25	27	11
Out Patient Dept.	7	58.33			58.33	12	5
Fire Dept.	19	57.57			57.57	33	14
Meatcutters	4	57.14			57.14	7	3
Ward Att. Labr. Clean.	27	55.1			55.1	49	22
"C" Watch (Com.)	23	54.76			54.76	42	19
Roads & Grounds Div.	11	47.82			47.82	23	12
Hosp. Attendants	17	47.22	1	2.78	50.	36	18
Night Crew (Com.)	4	44.44			44.44	9	5
Security	4	44.44			44.44	9	5
Occ. Ther., Phys. Ther. & Lib.	4	44.44	1	11.11	55.55	9	4
Ward Sect'y & Clerks	10	43.47			43.47	23	13
Neuropsychiatry	6	40.			40.	15	9
Nurses	10	33.33			33.33	30	20
Pharmacy	0	0.00			0.00	1	1
Total	560	68.88	3	.36	69.24	813	250



Pictured above are the Reserves who came to Oak Knoll this year for their two-week summer cruise. They took a refresher course in Pharmacy and Materia Medica, Ward Management, First Aid and Minor Surgery, Military Justice, and assistance in aid to Medical Officer. Mornings were devoted to practical work, and the afternoons were spent going to school. Front row (left to right) are: HN P. E. Murray, San Francisco; HA C. E. Rappe, San Francisco. Standing are: R. C. Genasci, HMC, Stockton; T. B. White, HMI, Vallejo; HN's P. P. Stasio, Rodeo; J. T. Watson, Vallejo; P. C. Peterson, Ogden, Utah; W. J. Riddell, Salt Lake City, Utah; C. Pennal, CWO, San Francisco; and HMC A. E. Keating, Berkeley.



# Irving, Young, Stop Fruitvale 2-1 As Softball Team Wins In Debut

The hospital softball team made their debut in the Oakland Recreation Department league a winning one by eking out a 2-1 victory over the Fruitvale nine Thursday night.

After each team countered in the second frame, the game remained deadlocked until the sixth inning when Mike Napoli tripled to right field and rode home on William Cooper's fly to deep center. In the second inning LeRoy Judd singled through the infield and was moved to third by Charlie Bujanda's sharp single to center and scored standing up on Bill Lemon's fly to right field.

Vic Irving started the game for the Knollites, and while not quite as effective as usual due to a sore shoulder muscle, held the opponents to three hits until relieved in the fifth by the old fireballer, Jack Young. Young pitched scoreless ball the final two frames to preserve the slim Knollite lead.

The winners, playing sharp heads-up defensive ball, turned in a couple of fielding gems to hold off the ever-threatening Fruitvale nine. In the seventh inning Napoli raced far back in left field to haul down a fly and followed with a perfect throw to the

plate to cut down a score. In the third inning, first baseman Don Lanoo cut down what appeared to be a certain hit by gloving a liner to right. The hospital team collected seven hits while Irving and Young were holding the losers to five singles.

## Active Reserve Officers Due for Early Release

Approximately 2200 Naval Reserve Officers now on active duty in grade of LT or above will be released involuntarily from active duty during January 1954.

This group includes about 1200 Reserve officers in grade of LCDR and above and about 1000 in the grade of LT. The announcement did not include officers in grades below LT.

Priority of retention lists has been established to determine which officers shall be kept on active duty. Basis of selection was the need for officers with broad experience and certain others with essential specialized experience.

Officers will be released in inverse order on the priority list. They will be notified by individual letters which will be in the mail by 1 September and should be received by 15 September in most instances.

Officers remaining on the priority lists will be divided into two groups. Group A will be those whose release during the current fiscal year would be caused only by unanticipated and drastic reductions and Group B those whose release may be required in the event of further personnel reductions beyond that now planned. All officers listed in these groups will be notified by form letters which will be placed in the mails before 15 October.

The provisions of this announcement apply only to those who have completed their obligated service and who have less than 18 years active duty service for retirement purposes as of 1 January 1954.

Since active duty strengths in code categories for officers in Medical, Dental, Medical Service, and Nurse Corps fields do not exceed planned strengths, they have not been listed and so will not be issued letters at this time. (AFPS.)

# Staff Personalities

Miss Fusae Obata, the able Secretary to CAPT Gilman, Chief of Dermatology Service on Ward 60A, moves from her morning job to become clerk-stenographer in the Cardiology Ward, 61B, in the afternoons. Here since 3 March 1952, Miss Obata resides in San Lorenzo. Before entering the portals of Oak Knoll, she

worked for the Veteran's Administration District Office, Oakland, until it was moved to Denver. A graduate of Hayward Union High School, Miss Obata attended the Merritt Business School in Oakland. Miss Obata is taking a University of California Extension course in Journalism, and she is also interested in the fields of music and science.



The staff mailman nowadays is McAsey, HM3, USNR, from Lockport, Illinois. He entered the Reserves in December of 1949 and then went into the Regular Navy in February of 1951. Joe was sent to Great Lakes for recruit training and Corps School. In October of last year he arrived at Oak Knoll and was assigned to Ward 70A, and after spending two months

there moved over to the B side as Senior Corpsman. Before entering the Navy, Joe was attending the College of Joliet, Ill., majoring in Business Administration. At the same time he was a Scale Master and Grading Operator for a local company. Outside pleasures include swimming, fishing, reading and baseball.



## Non-Conference Game Canceled by Knollites

The Oak Knoll golf team canceled their scheduled game Wednesday, 12 August, that was to have been played at Lake Chabot with Moffett Field. The golfing Knollites were unable to get the required men to play this non-conference game.

This still leaves the team with an eight and seven, won and lost, record. They have won eight conference games in a row and dropped seven non-conference games straight. The Knollites are still in second place in the league, behind District Communications.

The next team the Oak Knoll squad will battle is 12ND HQS. The game is going to be played on a San Francisco field Thursday, 20 August at 1300.

## Swimming Pool Report Shows Increased Use

A report submitted by Edwin F. Buker, Maintenance pipefitter and operator of the swimming pool, shows that 3,789 persons used the Oak Knoll swimming pool during the month of July.

It is also interesting to note that 300 persons used the pool on 9 July 1953 as compared with 203 who swam there on 9 July 1948 before the pool was enclosed.

Groom: "Who spilled mustard on this waffle?"

Bride: "Oh, honey, how could you? This is a lemon pie."

## Welcome and Farewell

Staff Detail had a total of 39 personnel entering and leaving its doors as 24 arrived, 12 were detached, and three were released to inactive duty.

Those reporting in were: LT Thomas R. Milhan, MC, USNR, from MSTS, PAC, San Francisco; LT Paul R. Schlober, MC, USNR, and LTJG James W. Halvorson, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG Sara A. Dahringer, NC, USNR; ENS' Jean F. Boerner, NC, USNR, Matilda L. Caron, NC, USNR, Jean S. Huse, NC, USNR; Virginia R. Hultin, NC, USNR, Jean D. Riker, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, New York; P. E. McElfish, HM3, from Bethesda, Md.; N. R. McCaney, HM3, from San Diego, Calif.; HN's J. A. Fong, P. B. Wells, K. F. Rupard, R. E. Moore, H. Whigham, J. H. Davis, A. T. Love, R. R. McHattie, R. L. Silver, R. A. Smith, from HCS, San Diego, Calif.; HN's F.

E. Peluso and P. Alonzo, from HCS, Great Lakes, Illinois, and D. L. McNabb, HA, from HCS, San Diego, California.

Those detached from Oak Knoll were: HM1's A. G. Tirona and R. V. Reeve, to Camp Pendleton, Calif.; HM3's G. L. Storey, G. W. Vesper and D. C. O'Sullivan to Camp Pendleton, Calif.; A. L. Johnson, HM3, to CO USN Dispensary, San Francisco, Calif.; W. Heys, YN3 to CO NAVSCOLCOM, T. I., San Francisco, Calif.; and HN's R. S. May to USS CONSOLATION (AH-15); J. F. McCann, CO USN Dispensary, San Francisco, Calif.; V. A. Brackett, Jr., and J. A. Haynes to USN Radiological Safety, Defensive Laboratory, San Francisco, Calif.; and D. A. Sharp to NAS, Moffett Field, Calif.

Released to inactive duty were: LT Edward W. McLoone, MC, USNR, and LT Edna H. Portill, NC, USNR.

## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 23 August

THE DIAMOND QUEEN—Fernand Lamas and Arlene Dahl, DRAMA. Rating: Good. At the moment there is nothing listed in our files, but with Miss Dahl playing the lead and Mr. Lamas playing opposite her, the movie should be an exciting one.

Monday, 24 August

RIDE THE MAN DOWN—Rod Cameron and Brian Donlevy, WESTERN. Rating: Good. The movie is one of those glibbling, romantic stories. An old pioneer dies and leaves the ranch to his daughter. As the story goes, another ranchman is to step into the situation only to be ousted by Mr. Cameron, the foreman of the ranch. If you are looking for a packed evening, be sure not to miss this movie.

Tuesday, 25 August

THE GOLDEN BLADE—Rock Hudson and Piper Laurie, DRAMA. Rating: Good. Again, there is nothing listed in our files.

Wednesday, 26 August

SKY COMMANDO—Dan Duryea and Frances Gifford, DRAMA. Rating: Good. There is no data released on the picture and none listed in the files.

Thursday, 27 August

YOUNG BESS—Jean Simmons and Stuart Granger, DRAMA. Rating: Very Good. Miss Simmons, as the girl who became the first Queen Elizabeth, and the events which formed her character to influence the history of the world are told in this movie. She falls in love with Mr. Granger, a High Admiral. The movie is a history-making story and those who have seen it are most enthusiastic.

Friday, 28 August

CHINA VENTURE—Edmond O'Brien, Donna Reed, DRAMA. Rating: Good. The title of this movie sounds like an old one but there is no information available in the files.

Saturday, 29 August

ROAD TO BALI—Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour, COMEDY. Rating: Excellent. This picture is filmed in Technicolor. In another one of those "Road" movies and with the combination of Hope, Crosby-Lamour, you can figure anything can and will happen!

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Saturday, 29 August, 1953



Dr. Maurice Hilluy, left, and Jean Aubin, CPO, of the French Navy were aboard Friday to meet the Commanding Officer and to talk with CAPT W. N. Van Zile, Chief of the Dental Service. Both men are attached to the U.S. Navy Carrier Belleau Wood, which is being taken out of mothballs at San Francisco Naval Shipyard for loan to the French government, under whose flag it will be known as the Bois De Belleau, French version of the name for one of the crucial battles of World War I. Dr. Hilluy is particularly interested in maxillary surgery, and Chief Aubin, an electronics technician, serves as his interpreter. This was the doctor's first visit to an American hospital.

## Annual Hospital Association Meet To Convene Four Days Next Week

Doctors and administrators from military and civilian hospitals throughout the United States will converge on San Francisco next week for the Fifty-fifth Annual Convention of the American Hospital Association to be held at the Civic Auditorium Monday through Thursday.

Exhibits and lectures are scheduled, and special features will include helicopter-ambulance demonstration by the Air-Sea Rescue Service of the Department of the Air Force and visits to the Navy hospital-ship, USS CONSOLATION.

Theme of the convention, the first to be held on the West Coast in 25 years, will be "Marshalling the Forces in the Hospital." The keynote speaker will be Oveta Culp Hobby, secretary of the nation's new Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. She will address the assemblage of hospital leaders at the opening general session Monday afternoon, outlining the health program of her new department, discussing the government's place in hospital care, and describing necessary steps for model

hospital care under a free enterprise system.

A special luncheon for Federal Hospital Executives is scheduled for Tuesday noon at the Palace Hotel, when the Honorable Harold V. Stirling, Acting Administrator of the Veterans Administration, will be the principal speaker. Guests at the luncheon will also include the new Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Health and Medical), the Surgeons General of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service, and Chief Medical Director of the Veterans Administration.

Among those from Oak Knoll who plan to attend one or more sessions of the convention are Captain Bradley, Captain R. L. Gilman, LCDR Myrtle M. Warner and LT A. J. Poytress of the nursing staff, LT's D. A. Wade, and C. R. Thompson, MSC, CWOHC O. G. Haines, LTJG's Robert F. Kirk and John C. Barnes, interns, and H. W. Boyles, Civilian Personnel Assistant.

Extra copies of the program are available in the Officers' Mail room for others wishing to attend.

## Dennis Stands Straight, Tall; Learns How In New Shoes

Dennis Worden stood up straight and tall Tuesday afternoon—like his playmates. The only difference is, Dennis stands on artificial legs made for him at Oak Knoll.

The happy, blond, brown-eyed three-and-a-half-year-old who met the press at Physical Therapy's walking clinic, was born with deformed stumps, the right reaching below the knee and the left stopping short of the knee. With a pair of makeshift gadgets of metal and leather, he had learned to hobble about, but his brother Danny at the age of two was taller and moved faster.

Last January Dennis' situation came to public attention when the family car was stolen in Richmond and in it, the little boy's "legs."

On 29 April, Dennis' father, Lyle M. Worden, CSG1, returned from overseas and was assigned to NAS, Alameda, and he and his wife, Barbara Jean, who live at 304-D Moseley Avenue, Alameda, brought Dennis here so that the Navy surgeons could "revise" his stumps and fit him with the artificial limbs he now is wearing. The new legs are made of plastic with flexible ankles, and the feet are fitted with the first shoes the boy has ever had.

During the learning stages, Denny is using a "walker" to brace himself, but he takes a few steps alone and has learned to get up by himself when he falls. Though he still requires physical assistance, Doctors say he needs very little moral support.

"We took it slowly with Dennis," Charles Asbelle, rehabilitation specialist, said. "He was confused by the machinery, the people—the whole place. He was frightened as any baby would be, but the kid's sharp. He's really proud of these legs and interested in knowing how to use them, and as a result he has undergone a remarkable change in personality in the past few months."

## WAVES Wanted; Sea Duty Calls

This week Staff Detail asked for WAVE volunteers for sea duty aboard MSTs transports. The qualifications are that the volunteers have to be 21 years old, have a good conduct record, have a Navy job classification of HN-8402 (standard corpsmen), be in pay grade E-3 to E-6, and have at least 24 months of obligated service remaining.

All names are to be submitted to Staff Detail this week and next week.



Danny, 2, and Dennis, 3½, shared the spotlight when Dennis was photographed for the first time on his new artificial limbs. The two boys are sons of Lyle M. Worden, CSG1, of the NAS Alameda staff.

## Lecture Tuesday On Metabolism

Medical Officers under instruction Tuesday night will attend the first of six Basic Science lectures to be presented by Harold A. Harper, Ph.D., Professor of Biology (Biochemistry) at the University of San Francisco.

The lectures, to be given on consecutive Tuesday nights at 1930 in the Administration Building Conference Room, will deal with the various aspects of Carbohydrate Metabolism, Lipid Metabolism, and Protein Metabolism.

## Dance At Ligure Club Planned for Saturday

East Bay District Council of the Italian Catholic Federation has invited 25 servicemen from the hospital to a dance tonight at the Ligure Club at 48th and Shattuck Avenue. Refreshments are to be served.

Pick up your tickets at Special Services. The dance will begin at 2100 and will end at 0100.



# The Oak Leaf

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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

At the beginning of our Naval Career we are well indoctrinated into the meaning of Divine Worship. Every possible opportunity is given to a man to worship his God. We can all witness the recognition that the Navy gives to the importance of the Divine Service when we see the Church Pennant flying above the flag of the United States of America during Divine Services. It is the only pennant that ever flies above our National Emblem.

The flying of the Church pennant is not the important thing; the fact that our government gives way to the worship of Almighty God is the important thing for you and me. In this lies great significance.

However, some sailors see the Church pennant waving gently in the breeze above the National Emblem, and they merely have a feeling of self-righteousness; there is no self-commitment. The blue cross in a white field speaks to them of God's security, God's forgiveness, and God's holiness. But it does not speak to them of the challenge of individual sacrifice, of spending time with their God in worship at the Divine Service. Instead they say, "Worship is good for others but not for me today."

There are other sailors I know who are moved with compassion and understanding when they see the Church pennant flying in the breeze. There is a bond between them and God. There is a strength which is mightier than the A-Bomb as they lift their eyes to heaven and pray in self-commitment.

Our Father Who Art in heaven  
Thy name be hallowed in me  
Thy sovereignty come dwell in me  
Thy will be done in me  
As it is in heaven  
Give me day by day daily bread  
Forgive me my trespasses  
And make me a carrier of  
Thy forgiveness to other lives.  
Make me victorious in temptation.  
Deliver me from the power of evil  
In Christ's Holy Name.  
Amen

R. E. Jenkins,  
Protestant Chaplain.

## High School, College Credits Offered

Are you still interested in an education? For two dollars you may enroll through Educational Services in a course that will qualify you for either High School or College credits.

Two dollars is the enrollment fee, and you may take two courses at a time and additional subjects upon successful completion of each course.

Many colleges will accept the G.E.D. College Test for the first year's college credits for the correspondence courses that are completed prior to attending that school or college.

For further information, contact the Education and Information officer, LTJG H. E. Daniel between 1000 and 1100 in Building 25.

## New Drug, Primaquine Helps Malaria Problem

Dr. Alf S. Alving, member of the National Research Council, has stated that malaria now is no more a military problem than smallpox, as shown in recent tests conducted at Ft. Knox, Ky.

Professor of medicine at the University of Chicago, Dr. Alving said primaquine, a drug, had been given to malarial soldiers returning from Korea. The result, he said, is that the drug is a very good cure.

The drug, synthetically produced, was described as "not toxic and just as harmless as a sugar pill." (AFPS)

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900

Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday

HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN  
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL, ON  
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015



The "Left Bank" of the Oak Knoll compound, Ward 63A, recently has had enough enthusiastic artists producing oil paintings to warrant competition with the Moulin Rouge. Above Dr. H. C. Barton and Dorothy Moore, Oakland Gray Lady, are viewing with interest the exhibition of work done by D. Swanson, RMSN, R. H. Guthrie, SHSN, J. W. Bland, TM, B. J. Magay, SN, Sgt. S. C. Ruiz, P. B. Peredo, SD3, and C. R. Jenney, CBM (Retired).

## Red Cross Ramblings

### LOUNGE NOTES

Three cheers! All of you will probably be happy to hear that the Patients' Lounge has a bright and shiny new coat of paint, both interior and exterior. The lounge was closed only three days for this rejuvenation, which left the building spic and span. The entry is even more attractive with the new, warm color, and the ladies of the Oak Knoll Garden Club did a wonderful job at sorting and replacing the potted plants which add a special welcome for everyone!

With the assistance of the Patients' Council, the program will continue to be expanded with bigger and better dances, all-patient talent shows, and other social events. Drop by and join in one of these meetings. The time is 1430 on Thursdays, and your ideas will be welcomed.

Also entertaining and "real gone" are the afternoon jam sessions which continue to attract new members for the all-patient rotating band.

### ICE FOLLIES

The thrill of seeing a fanciful and lavish ice skating production has been enjoyed lately by many men who have traveled to San Francisco to view the Ice Follies. Among those who have brought back enthusiastic accounts are C. Kelly SO2 and Robert Phenice PN2 of ward 75B, Harmon Cozby QM3, 75A, and George Bales SM of 43B. Arrangements for this yearly treat are made by the Red Cross, and transportation is furnished for a group to go every Thursday evening during the season.

### MOVIE FANS

On the cinema circuits for the week 2 September through 8 September

are two full length movies. The musical "Happy Go Lovely" featuring David Niven and Vera Ellen. Lin Darnell and Robert Newton co-star in the melodrama, "Blackbeard the Pirate."

### CRAFT SHOP HOURS

The Red Cross Craft Shop will open the following hours:

Monday—0930-1130; 1300-1600

Tuesday—(closed for field day) 1300-1600

Wednesday—0930-1130; Closed, 1300-1600

Thursday—0930-1130; 1300-1600

Friday—0930-1130; 1300-1600

## Requirements for Vets Announced by VA

(AFPS) The Veterans Administration has announced that any Korean Veteran who desires special vocational training provided by the government must have a discharge other than dishonorable.

Other requirements needed are:

1. Disability must be severe enough to entitle the veteran to receive regular compensation checks from the VA.
2. The veteran must need the training to overcome the handicap.
3. The training can only be had after separation from the armed forces.

This bill applies to any veteran who became disabled as the result of active service with the armed forces after 27 June, 1950. Anyone who was served anywhere at all after 27 June 1950 is classed as a Korean veteran.

## Be Able to Say "Labor Day Was Yesterday"

### PLANNING FOR THAT EXTRA DAY?

Labor Day is coming, and once more the happy prospect of a three-day holiday week end is before us.

It's been quite a while since you could plan something special for that "extra day," and now perhaps you're making plans for that little time you've been thinking about these past months.

And, if you do venture forth on traffic-jammed highways this holiday again may we urge that you make SAFETY your first concern.

Make sure your CAR is travel worthy.

Allow yourself TIME enough.

Heed TRAFFIC LAWS AND REGULATIONS faithfully.

Remember that SPEED is the highway's Number One Killer—Watch that SPEEDOMETER!

Help to make the roadways safe for all.

DON'T TURN THIS HOLIDAY INTO A "TRAGI-DAY"  
DRIVE WITH CARE



# Scuttlebutt

**BACK TO HIS OLD STAMPIN' GROUNDS** this week came HMC R. E. McGinnis for his third tour of duty. "I'm never gonna leave again. This is HOME," the chief announced when he set foot on Oak Knoll soil. The chief has been attending Photographers' School at Bethesda since January and will move in with Stevenson at the Photolab.

**PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:** It was full moon over Santa Cruz Island Village. The night was calm and peaceful until suddenly a long, raucous blast rent the night air, rousing villagers, both young and old. It was the horn in HMC B. J. Lowe's new Pontiac that had heretofore been the object of considerable admiration among the neighbors. . . . "Sir Dan" Bessasan of 66A needs a compass that shines in the dark. His favorite quarry, a fine variety of fishing worms come out on the compound at night, and he sometimes gets lost on his nocturnal hunting trips. . . . "Digger" Samson will always be the last man to let his friends down. He was a mortician's apprentice before being called to active duty and expects to return to the trade. . . . Bernard Garcia, head gardener for Oak Knoll, is vacationing in Guerneville. . . . Mr. Zetka toured St. Vincent's Day Home in Oakland yesterday to see how they use their share of the United Crusade money Oak Knoll will soon be giving. . . . Rachel Stevens of Disbursing is on leave taking care of her twin grandson and granddaughter born early this week to her daughter, Blanche Flock, formerly of the Record Office. . . . John Radasevich, an energetic fellow, works nights in the NP Service, goes to UC during the day. . . . Vernon Smithers of Photo Lab is packing his seabag and will head for Hawthorne this week and for duty at the Navy Ammunition Depot. . . . Sounds impossible, but a new corpsman was seen reading a COMIC book in the Chow Hall. . . . "Tiny" Werner, on duty, fell into a hole and is now wearing a cast on his leg. . . . T. Young, MAA in the Community Service Building, entertains the people by juggling coins, apples, and any other articles that happen to be at hand during the lunch hour, and his friend "Andy" Anderson is still trying to do the same. . . . Nora Kelley, long-time lab secretary, left yesterday to live a life of ease at home in San Leandro, celebrated by giving a group of friends over Wednesday evening for a buffet dinner. . . . The Martini entertained with a catalogue and movies of her trips to Hawaii, Mexico, and Missouri. . . . We people will do anything to make us. . . . Jim Tinsley, who usually jumps into the sports columns, has his tonsils removed. . . . Dick Adams of the record office is wearing a tin in his ears to try to shut out the sound of wedding bells that he hears in the barracks at night. . . .

**LIFE BEGINS DEPARTMENT—** James D. Poole of the Chaplain's office and his wife, Norma Lee, are receiving congratulations on the arrival of their first child, a little girl who arrived on 19 August. She weighs 7 lbs. 12 oz., and answers to the name of Leona Betty.

**OAKNOLLUMNI:** HMC Frank Bak returned from Korea. He arrived aboard the USSN GEN NELSON M. ALKER Sunday. . . . LCDR Harry



The Environmental Sanitation Technician School graduated a class of 19 on Friday, 21 August, with Edgar A. Davis, HMC, making the all-time high grade to date, with his score of 97.5. Dr. J. C. Geiger, City Health Officer, spoke briefly to the students. He was introduced by CAPT R. S. Poos, Head of the School. Graduates who received their diplomas from the Commanding Officer were, top row, usual order, M. D. Simmons, HMI; P. E. McManus, HMI; J. W. Hamburg, HM2; D. R. Bassett, HMI; R. E. Willis, HM2; R. C. Tullis, HMI. Second row: D. W. Whitney, HM2; R. V. Reeve, HMI; R. W. McBride, HM2; R. E. Vernarsky, HMI; L. J. Frederickson, HM2; C. S. McElrea, HM2. Front row: C. B. Hatton, HMC; G. B. Zinck, HMC; G. E. Gray, HMC; E. A. Davis, HMC; W. H. Pharmakis, HMC; E. A. Brewer, HMC; and C. E. Stark, Sr., HMC.

In the photo at right, Captain Bradley congratulates EST honor student Edgar A. Davis, HMC, while Dr. J. C. Geiger, the City of Oakland's internationally known Health Officer, who serves as a consultant for the school, looks on. Chief Davis, with an average of 97.5 in subjects covered during the 22-week course, topped all previous records made by students in the eleven classes that have completed the course since the school opened here in November 1950. He has been ordered to the Naval Training Center, San Diego.



## Dental Care Bill Passed For Vets

The Veterans Administration recently announced that a new bill has been passed on dental care for out-patient veterans. The new law authorizes out-patient dental care for three types of cases, providing applications are filed within one year of July 1953.

Eligibility must be established under one or more of the following three classes:

1. Veterans having service-connected compensable dental conditions or disabilities which means they must be rated ten per cent or more disabling.
2. Veterans having service-connected noncompensable or disabilities where the dental condition is shown to have existed at the time of discharge.
3. Veterans having a dental condition, whether or not service-connected, but medically determined to be aggravating a service-connected physical injury.

Veterans who qualify for treatment under these conditions may be referred either on a free basis to "home town" participating dentist or to VA Dental clinics.

C. Barton, who had some sort of record for longevity at Oak Knoll, was finally detached Tuesday to Coco Solo, C.Z. He arrived here in October 1946, and except for a few months aboard the USS GEN. A. E. ANDERSON in 1950 and a brief tour on TAD in Alaskan waters, he has been on the Medical Service ever since.

Maintain the free American Enterprise with the Payroll Savings Plan.

## BOOK NOOK

Best sellers are available from the Library, Building 39, or from the librarians who visit the wards with the book carts. Books are reserved free of charge, on request. Current favorites are as follows:

### Fiction

DESIREE, by Selinko.  
BATTLE CRY, by Uris.  
THE HIGH AND THE MIGHTY, by Gann.  
BEYOND THIS PLACE, by Cronin.  
THE DARK ANGEL, by Waltari.  
THE BRIDGES AT TOKO-RI, by Michener.  
THE EMPEROR'S LADY, by Kenyon.  
THE SILVER CHALICE, by Costain.  
KISS ME AGAIN, STRANGER, by Du Maurier.  
THE VERMILION GATE, by Lin Yutang.  
GOLDEN ADMIRAL, by Mason.  
IN THE WET, by Shute.

### Non-Fiction

THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING, by Peale.  
ANNAPURNA, by Herzog.  
THE SILENT WORLD, by Cousteau and Dumas.  
CALL ME LUCKY, by Crosby.  
HOLY BIBLE: REVISED STANDARD VERSION.  
A MAN CALLED PETER, by Marshall.  
NORTH FROM MALAYA, by Douglas.  
THE ROMMEL PAPERS, by Rommel.

## Oak Knoll Leads In Bond Drive

Of all the Naval Hospitals in the country that have between 500 and 1000 employees, Oak Knoll has the highest standing in the bond drive. During the month of August 68.8 per cent of the employees were participants in the bond drive.

These figures were released this week by the Department of Navy, Office of the Savings Bonds in Washington, D.C.

## Staff Picnic IS Today

Today is the staff picnic at Redwood Regional Park. STEAKS, refreshments, and games are just waiting for you. Bring your friends and join in the fun at the staff picnic.

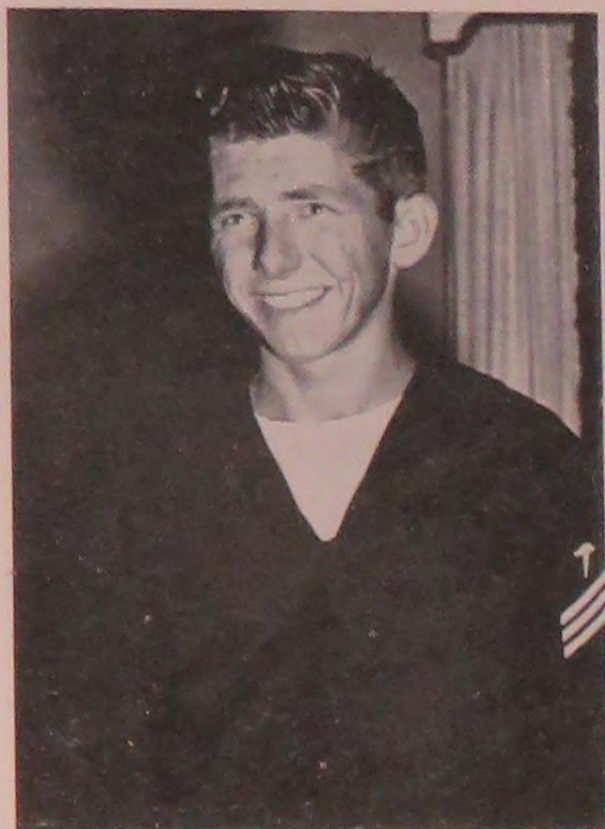
Dallas, Tex. (AFPS)—A narcotics thief sawed a hole in a drugstore roof, kicked out a ceiling panel, knocked two knobs from a safe, drilled unsuccessfully in the knob sockets, turned over the safe and peeled a steel plate from the bottom. His haul—2,250 pep pills that give "tired people a pickup."

Absence makes the heart grow fonder. Peroxide makes the hair grow blonder.

THIS I BELIEVE, edited by Murrow. Library hours: 0800-1630; 1800-2100, Monday through Friday.

Book cart trips are made weekly to each ward where there are bed patients.





Raymond Marion Gesinski, HN

## Commendation Given Corpsman

A commendation was recently presented to Raymond Marion Gesinski, HN, by CAPT B. E. Bradley, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, here.

Gesinski's commendation best expresses the good work he has done: "While assigned to a special watch on the neurosurgery ward you performed your duties in an exemplary manner. You demonstrated outstanding aptitude in your work, combining your high intelligence, vigilance, and nursing ability in the care rendered a patient with a diagnosis of brain tumor." The commendation also recognizes the corpsman's outstanding work while on a special watch on a patient with acute renal insufficiency.

A Knollite since 29 March 1953, Gesinski attended Cathedral Latin School in Cleveland, Ohio, and plans to continue with his education in civilian life studying medicine. Gesinski, who is now on leave, works as a "night floater."

## "Voice Writer" Installed On Medical, NP Wards

Approximately a year and a half ago, plans were initiated for the installation of a dictaphone service, covering the Psychiatric and Medical Services of the Compound. Known as the Televoice Recording System, and installed by the Ediphone Corporation of the Oakland Branch, the entire project cost \$13,623.12. Each machine cost approximately \$800.

The so called "Voice Writer" on the Psychiatric Service was initiated on 6 July 1953 and that of the Medical Service will be officially opened on 7 September. Each of these services is known as a "pool."

The dictaphone service not only eliminates the use of the telephone between the doctor and secretary, but saves time and increases efficiency by eliminating many secretarial duties.

In using this dictaphone the doctor has the use of any one of three channels which records the sound of his voice and transcribes it onto a red disk, similar to a 45RPM phonograph record. These records transcribing the content into proper format are played by the typists who immediately dispatch the completed work to the medical officer originating the material.

## Second POW Kindness Mission Told by Letter

Copies of correspondence recently received by the Commanding Officer provide a sequel to the story the OAK LEAF carried on 13 June, the story of LTJG Marvin S. Broomhead, second Korea POW to be treated at Oak Knoll.

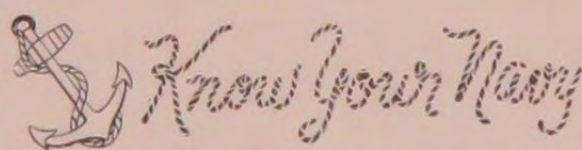
The correspondence tells of the time and effort the lieutenant has taken to get in touch with the families of men he left behind when he was among the first group of prisoners exchanged at Panmunjom.

"LTJG Broomhead came to see me about my husband. He was in POW camp No. 2 with my husband from Dec. 1952 until his release. This is probably not news to you or your department. (The letter was addressed to General McCormick, Headquarters, USAF.) He was in the same barracks with my husband.

"He said my husband was safe, that he was in good health and spirits and had not suffered any injuries.

"Lieutenant Broomhead had memorized over 150 names and has been calling, writing and visiting some member of each family since his return. Considering the injuries to his ankles and the fact he has no car and travels to these homes by bus, makes me sincerely believe he deserves some sort of recognition for what he has been doing. He has brought peace and comfort from worry to so many worried and heartsick families."

The letter was signed by Mrs. C. W. Maultsby, wife of 1st LT Charles W. Maultsby, USAF, of Manhattan Beach, California.



What distinguishes a "boot" from a "salt" is just how much more the other knows about the Navy.

Did you know that the hand salute was taken from the British Navy, who borrowed it from the British Army?

Medals and decorations are worn on the left breast, a custom that may be traced back to the time when Crusaders wore the badge of honor of their order near the heart. The shield was also carried by the Crusaders on the left side because it protected both the heart and the badge of honor.

The original word "taps" is derived from the Dutch word TAPTOE, which means to close all the taps and taverns in the town. Just when the Navy adopted this custom is unknown but "taps" was played in the American Revolution.

When officers enter Sick Bay on inspection trips and otherwise, it has been customary to remove their hats. This dates back to the custom of paying respects to the sick and suffering.

Men were ready for "slipping the cable" when they were admitted to "sick bays" in the days of sails. You will still hear some sailors that were on "four stackers" using this terminology.

It is the custom to walk on the left and two paces to the rear of your senior when he is meeting another senior.

The best—the safest—the easiest—way is the U. S. Savings Bonds way.



Al/c Robert L. Weinbrandt, right, Oak Knoll's third ex-POW, is shown here talking over his experiences with PFC Charles A. Rucholdt on W 42A. Weinbrandt was in Communist hands for 15 months.

## Third Repatriated POW Arrives Here From Freedom Village Via San Diego

Robert L. Weinbrandt, Al/c, USAF, third repatriated POW to be admitted to Oak Knoll, arrived here during the week end from USNH, San Diego, where he has been under treatment since he returned in April with the first plane-load of men to arrive from Freedom Village.

A radar operator and gunner, Weinbrandt was hit by enemy shrapnel as he bailed out over North Korea after his plane tangled with a Russian MIG. This was his 25th mission. His pilot bailed out, and Weinbrandt has never known what happened to him.

Although Bob's wounds were so serious as to result in eventual loss of his right foot, he managed to drag

himself into the nearby trees, where he kept out of sight of the enemy two days before being captured. While being moved to a prison camp in the bitter January cold, he suffered from frostbite that necessitated amputation of part of his left foot.

In a small hospital close to Yalu River, the 21-year-old Airman lost weight on a diet of rice during his 15 months as a POW, but he gained it back, and he believes Chinese doctors who cared for him did the best they could with the facilities available.

After Bob finishes his treatment and graduates from the Amp Center, he plans to return to his home in El Cajon, California.

## Staff Personalities



One of those southern boys who is beginning to like the West is Tom Turnipseed, HM3, of the CO's Mail Room, from Aliceville, Alabama. Tom entered the Navy in July of 1950 and took his recruit training at San Diego. From there he went to sea on the USS ASHTABULA, AO-51 which traveled to such places as Korea, Honolulu, Hong Kong, Formosa, and Okinawa. Tom then was sent to Corps School back at San Diego, his old stamping grounds. He arrived at Oak Knoll in October of last year and was first assigned to Ward 62B, then to his present job as Mail Room Clerk. Before he entered the Navy, Tom worked part-time as a carpenter. Golf leads the list of his many outdoor activities.

A native of Rochester, New York, Richard Y. Willis, HN, joined Navy Reserves in February 1950, was called in for Recruit Training on 1 April 1952 to Bainbridge, Maryland, where he also had his training. Besides this he had a 12 weeks' Reserve Cruise on the USS SNYDER, DE. He attended Moreau

and East High School before he graduated from Irondequoit High School, Rochester. A letterman in swimming, he also enjoys playing basketball. Willis was formerly a maintenance worker for the Eastman Kodak Company. He plans to major in Business Administration at either Clark College or St. Lawrence University, New York when he leaves the Navy.





# Patients Fly to Santa Barbara For a Week End At Fiesta

Eleven men representing homes in that many states and one from Puerto Rico and who arrived at Oak Knoll via Korea, last week saw another part of the country when they went to the Old Spanish Days Fiesta in Santa Barbara, California.

As guests of American Legion Post No. 49 in cooperation with the Armed Forces Coordinating Council of the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce, the Oak Knoll group spent four days in the historic city and while there were treated to the best of everything from the time they arrived at 1500 Wednesday until they left Saturday afternoon for the flight back to Alameda.

One of the most colorful and stirring of the events celebrating Old Spanish Days was the opening ceremony at the Old Mission Grounds, where the patients were welcomed by the president of the Fiesta and where they met Lieutenant Governor Goodwin C. Knight and viewed the festivities from his box. Fireworks, dancing, and music were on the program.

Each day the patients were welcomed to historical art exhibits, to the El Mercado or Market Place, to concerts, puppet shows, street dances, and displays. They were serenaded by children's choruses and by other musicians, were guests at banquets and luncheons; and at a big swimming party the citizenry learned from the Knoll amputees that it does not take two legs and two arms to be a good swimmer.

Among those responsible for arranging the trip were Major General Robert Blake, USMC, Retired, Colonel Louis H. Bell, USA, Retired, General Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Armed Forces Coordinating Council; Mr. Richard E. Arbagey, Commander, American Legion Post 49, and members of both the council and the post who went all out to give the Knollites a good time.

The patients were flown to Santa Barbara in an R4D piloted by A. G. Wallace, Chief Aviation Machinist, USN, from Naval Air Station, Alameda.

## Extension Course To Start 8 Sept.

Arrangements have been completed for the U. C. Extension course, "Psychology of Group Leadership," to be given by Dr. Gordon Hearn of the university faculty, beginning Tuesday, 8 September.

Emphasis in the course will be evenly divided between basic theory of individual and group behavior; and analysis will be made of actual problems experienced by class members, including examination of the student's own behavior in groups and experience in group leadership.

Open to all military personnel (both patients and staff), civilians, and members of the families of Oak Knoll personnel, the class will meet each Tuesday from 1600 to 1800 in Building 133 for 15 weeks. Fee for the course, which will be accepted toward any degree or certificate, is \$18. Those who enroll may take the course for credit, or they may audit it if they prefer.



(1.) Korea was never like this, the expressions on the faces of this group of Oak Knoll patients seem to indicate. The men were photographed at Santa Barbara's "Old Spanish Days Fiesta" where they witnessed four days of pageantry and celebration, the like of which few of them had ever seen. In this group, surrounded by some of the young ladies who helped entertain them are, standing, left to right, Orval T. Duncan, CBC, driver from Point Hueneme; PFC Irving E. Basford, PFC Raymond P. Exon, PFC Ramon O. Moreno, Lionel G. Porter, HMI, Duke Kahanamoku, descendent of Hawaii's original Queen "Lil," sheriff of Hawaii, and three-time winner of surfboard riding in the Olympic Games; CPL Lester E. Matzek, PFC James H. Wrenn, Roso Smith, EN, PFC Merlin H. Franzen, and the Honorable Goodwin C. Knight, California's lieutenant governor. Seated are PFC Howard S. Pierson, PFC Howard B. Middlewood, and PFC Charles E. Swiger. (2.) Judging from PFC Howard F. Pierson's wrapt expression, Mrs. Long, descendent of one of California's old Spanish families, made a profound impression when she met him at the Mayor's cocktail party—one of the many events in which Knollites participated during the four-day Fiesta. Concentrating less on the lady and more on the photographer is PFC Morlin H. Franzen. (3.) A. G. Wallace, Chief Aviation Machinist, USN, checks his passenger list as men board the plane ready for the take-off from NAS, Alameda. Reading from left to right, are LTJG Paul F. Bowlin, the "doctor in the crowd," Lionel G. Porter, HMI, who qualified for the party two ways—by being a Korea amputee and by serving as corpsman escort; and Marines Basford, Wrenn, and Middlewood. (4.) The time was Friday night, the place, Mom's Italian Village, the menu—all the pizzas six hungry men could eat. "Mom" was one of the many Santa Barbarans who opened their hearts, their homes, and their pocketbooks to give their guests a memorable time. Photos are by James L. Shearin, HM3, who described his assignment to Santa Barbara as the best duty he's had in the Navy.

## VA Lists Hints for Vets Starting Job Training

The Veterans Administration today listed some helpful hints for veterans planning to start training this summer under the Korean GI Bill.

First and foremost, VA said, a veteran should give plenty of thought to his choice of a training goal, and to the program that will enable him to reach it. Under the law, he may be allowed to change his program no more than once, so it's to his advantage to choose right in the first place.

The goal—which must be selected before training can begin—may be educational, such as earning a degree; professional, such as law or medicine, or vocational, such as be-

coming a carpenter or television repairman.

Veterans who are not sure of their objectives may receive vocational counseling from the VA.

The reason is that the allowances are paid some time after the end of each month of training completed. But before VA can make a payment, it must receive a certification—signed by the veteran and his school or establishment—stating that he actually was in training during that month. Allowance checks usually go out within 20 days after VA gets the certification.

The monthly GI allowances are the only payments made under the Korean GI Bill. With the help of these checks, veteran-trainees must meet all their own training expenses—tuition, fees, books and the like.

As another point to be kept in

mind, VA urged veterans to check over carefully their application forms, and make sure they're completely filled out, before mailing them to VA. A photostat or certified copy of separation papers must accompany the applications. Incomplete applications can mean unnecessary delays.

Veterans who know what their training program and objective are must list these items on the application. Those who don't, and who want counseling as an aid in making up their minds, merely leave these two sections blank and, instead, fill in the section that requests counseling.

VA has one final reminder for veterans who know what courses they want to take. If it's possible, these veterans should make their own arrangements for gaining admittance to the school of their choice, before they file their applications.

Some thirty members of the staff have signed up for the course to date, and others will be welcome. Ken Coleman, Training Superintendent, Ext. 225, is handling registrations.





## In Second Place For District Trophy

These are the current standings in competition for the Commandant's Trophy in Group "B." Football, touch-football, and pistol will complete the 1953 competition for the Commandant's Trophy for athletic excellence, Group "B."

	Total Points
12ND Communications	146
NavHosp Oakland	132
NSC Oakland	109
NAS Oakland	90
NRC Mare Island	62.5
Western Sea Frontier	54
Nav Net Depot, Tiburon	50
Port Chicago Marines	40
N&MCRTC TI	36
Nav Hosp MI	30
Aviation Material Office	20
Fleet PAMI	15
USS Nicol	15

## Chuckles

The old mountaineer was discussing domestic relationships with his moonshining wife. "I guess, Zeke, I ought to be ashamed of myself. With all her faults I love her still."

"Have you heard the last bop joke?"

"I hope so."

"Am I the first girl you ever kissed?"

"Now that you mention it, you do look familiar."

A westerner entered the saloon with his wife and six-year-old boy and ordered two whiskeys.

"Ain't ma drinking?" asked the boy.

## Knollites Cancel Game; Strong NSC Team Next

The golf team canceled the second game in a row when they were unable to get the required number of men for the 12ND HQS game that was to be played in San Francisco. The game was scheduled for last Thursday, 20 August.

This still leaves the fighting Knollites in the Class "B" league, in second place.

The Oak Knoll squad will face the Naval Supply Center team Wednesday, 26 August at Lake Chabot without the services of one of the mainstays of the team, Jim Tinsley, the team captain. Since it seems unlikely that the team captain will make this important game, Chief L. Johnson, another mainstay, will be acting team captain. NSC team is in the Class "A" League and will most likely give the Knollites a hard match. This is the last scheduled league game but the golf team has three make-up games to play.

## Football Season Here! Tickets Now Available

There are football tickets to be had for staff and patients who want to see the San Leandro Vultures play the Oakland Rams Sunday, 6 September. The game will be played at San Leandro's High School Field and kick-off time is at 1400.

Transportation will be furnished by Special Services. The tickets are on a first-come first-served basis; so pick up your tickets now at Special Services.

## Welcome and Farewell

The newly reorganized Personnel Office this past week issued a list of 18 new staff members and reported 20 to be transferred, released to inactive duty or discharged.

Reporting for duty were: LT Robert L. Davis, MC, USN, from the USS BAIROKO (CVE-115); LT James A. Kehoe, Jr., MC, NC, USNR; ENS Cynthia L. Brown, NC, USNR; ENS Norine L. Muhle, NC, USNR; all from USNH, St. Albans, New York; HM2, C. S. Axworthy from 3rd MARDIV, FMF, Camp Pendleton; DK3, R. E. Green, from NAS, Seattle, Wash.; HN's P. L. Pfeiffer, R. Smith, R. Alonzo, and from HCS, Great Lakes, Ill.; HN's H. R. Seibert and P. J. Brown from HCS, San Diego; and HA's G. C. Shinn, J. T. Taschioglow, (W) V. D. Willis, M. O. Mosher, and D. G. Vogel, from HCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Personnel transferred were: HMC's W. H. Pharmakis, to Marine Barracks, Camp LeJeune, North Carolina; C. E. Stark, to Marine Corps School, Quantico, Virginia; B. G. Zinck, to Shipyard Dispensary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; C. B. Hatton, to T.I., San Francisco, California; E. A. Brewer, to Pearl Harbor, T.H.; and G. O. Gray, to Marine Corps Recruiting Depot, Parris Is-



Shown above is "Lefty" Chuck Leonard batting against the Travis nine. The Knollites ran over Travis Wednesday, 16-3. In the background are some of the many spectators who were there to view the game, which was played on the Oak Knoll diamond.

## Lanoo, Judd Home Runs Lead Attack; Oak Knoll Rolls Over Travis Team

Avenging last week's 4-2 loss at the hands of the Travis Air Force Medics the Oak Knoll softball team buried their rivals under the biggest hit barrage of the season by a 16-3 score.

The Knollites opened up strong in the first two innings, scoring five runs in each frame. Big guns in the local's 20-hit attack were Don Lanoo

and LeRoy Judd, each of whom collected three hits, including a home run apiece. Joining Lanoo and Judd in the hit parade with two safes were Mike Napoli and Chuck Leonard.

Jack Young worked the first two innings on the mound for the hospital nine and Vic Irving pitched the last two frames.

## Baseball Game Invite Extended to Patients

Want to see a baseball game? This is the last baseball game this season that Special Services will have tickets for, and the "Oaks" will play Los Angeles. The date is Thursday, 3 September and forty patients have been invited by Alameda County Employees Association.

Special Services will furnish the transportation and the bus is to leave the Community Building at 1900.

Patients are urged to sign up early. Seats can be reserved. Remember that date. It's 3 September, Thursday evening.

## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 30 August

ALL AMERICAN—Tony Curtis and L. Nelson. SPORTDRAMA. Rating: Very good. Here is another first-nighter for Oak Knoll movie goers. This movie, shown in the hit parade with two safes, prove to be a real treat to all sport fans. Mr. Curtis plays the quarterback that has many troubles, and Herman Hickman plays the part of the understanding coach.

Monday, 31 August

DECISION BEFORE DAWN—G. Merrill and Richard Basehart. DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. This is a repeat movie that has been heralded as one of the best pictures to be released. The movie follows the pattern of a captured German soldier who is sent back to his native land to a spy for the allies. Even if the movie is an "oldie" it will be worth viewing a second time.

Tuesday, 1 September

THE CADDY—Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. COMEDY. Rating: Very good. The Martin and Lewis team is on the loose again. Swinging from Army-Navy-A-Corps movies, they have now taken up the sacred sport of golfing. This flicker, released in September, has Mr. Lewis as the caddy and Mr. Martin as the "golfer." So be prepared for a show full of laughs.

Wednesday, 2 September

BOOTS MALONE—William Holden and Stanley Clements. SPORTDRAMA. Rating: Good. This picture is another "oldie" with Mr. Holden playing the part of an unscrupulous trainer in this tragic film. It is the story of a young boy who wishes to be a jockey against the wishes of his mother.

Thursday, 3 September

FORT ALGIERS—Yvonne De Carlo and Carlos Thompson. ADVENTURE. Rating: Fair. The French Foreign Legion is on the march again, as Mr. De Carlo is mixed up with an oil dispute in the wonderful Arabian Desert.

Friday, 4 September

LITTLE BOY LOST—Bing Crosby, Claude Dauphin, and Christian Fourcade. DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. America's Man of song Der Bing is back again. Singing in his usual form, he is the victim of a war that separated him from his wife and son. His wife is killed by the Germans, and his son is lost. If you want to fill your evening with real-life situations, be sure to see this heart-warming story.

Saturday, 5 September

THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL—Michael Rennie and Patricia Hayes. DRAMA SCIENCE FICTION. Rating: Very good. Here is a movie to keep you on the edge of your seats every moment you view it. This movie shows what would happen if or when the world stood still. For a real thrill come and see the movie!

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## Drama in Science Promises Thrill

Previews of Progress, a dramatic, non-technical science show sponsored by General Motors, will be shown here Friday night following the movie.

This show will present many of the most recent developments in scientific research, which will contribute to a more enjoyable life in the years to come.

Mr. Tuck, narrator of the show, will tell you that jet propulsion is more than 2,000 years old. To prove this statement, he will present a replica of Hero's aeolipile of about 200 B.C., which was the world's first known jet engine.

Jet propulsion will be illustrated in two different ways. A miniature jet engine is to be placed into actual operation. Following this demonstration, models of a Douglas Skystreak fighter plane and a V-2 rocket will be driven the length of the auditorium, propelled by tiny jets of compressed gas.

A two-purpose bottle will be demonstrated. The bottle is used to pound a nail into wood, and then it is shattered by dropping it into a small piece of abrasive material.

Mr. Tuck will then demonstrate some of the remarkable properties of the refrigerant, Freon. This refrigerant will be used to run a steam engine. He will also demonstrate how Freon saved many lives in the last war.

One of the most remarkable demonstrations is the broadcasting of sound over a beam of light. The beam will consist of light from an arc lamp that is one-tenth the size of a lamp made by a typewriter, and yet, with it, an entire symphony can be reproduced.

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## Labor Day Week End Legal Holiday Here

In accordance with Navy Regulations Labor Day, 7 September, will be observed as a legal holiday. Following is the liberty schedule.

Port will have liberty from 0800 Saturday, 5 September, to 0730 Monday, 7 September.

Starboard will have liberty from 0900, Monday, 7 September, to 0730, Tuesday, 8 September.

Section 1 will have liberty from 0200, Saturday, 5 September, to 0730, Monday, 7 September.

Section 2 liberty will commence 0900, Monday, 7 September, to 0730 Tuesday, 8 September.

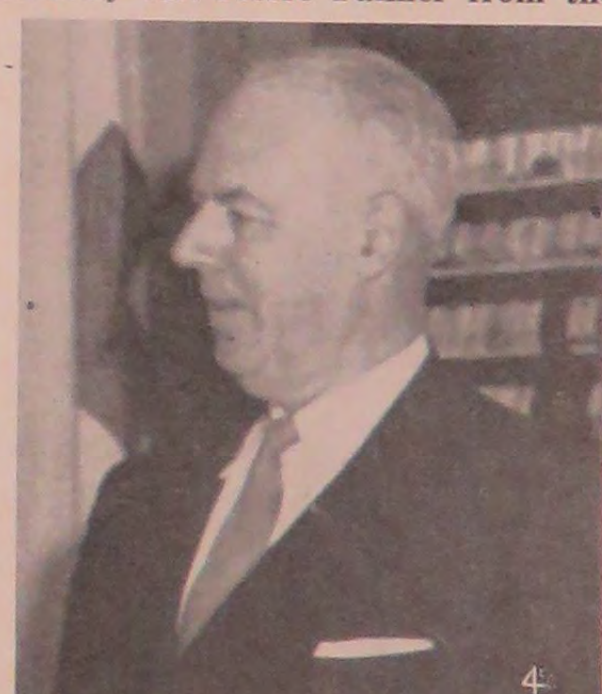
Section 3 liberty will commence 0200, Saturday, 5 September to 0730, Tuesday, 8 September.

## Oak Knoll Hosts Many Visitors This Week

While the American Hospital Association's Fifty-Fifth Annual Convention in San Francisco drew thousands of doctors and hospital administrators from all over the country, Oak Knoll had its share of distinguished visitors, both military and civilian. (1) Tuesday afternoon, CAPT Winnie Gibson, NC, USN, Director of the Navy Nurse Corps (right) visited Oak Knoll's Chief Nurse, CDR Helen C. Gavin, and talked informally with members of the Corps at their quarters here. (2) RADM Frederick C. Greaves, MC, USN, Inspector General for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, stopped here en route back to BuMed after a tour of Navy Medical Installations in the Pacific. (3) RADM S. S. Cook, MC, USN, CO at Oak Knoll from 1949 to 1951, will be aboard Monday evening and Tuesday to renew old friendships and see the changes that have taken place since



he was detached following his selection for Rear Admiral. He is now in command of USNH, Portsmouth, Va. (4) Last Thursday Mr. Fred McNamara from the Hospital Section, Bureau of the Budget, toured the hospital with RADM J. B. Logue, District Medical Officer, and Captain Bradley; and yesterday Mr. Pierre Palmer from the



same organization looked over Oak Knoll facilities. (5) This illustrious group assembled in the CO's office includes Captain Bradley, VADM Joel T. Boone, MC, USN, Retired, Chief Medical Director for the Veterans Administration, Dr. C. H. Francis, San Francisco Area Medical Director for the VA, Miss Dorothy Wheeler, Director of Nurs-



ing Services for the VA, Miss Gavin, and Dr. Linus Zink, Manager of the VA Hospital in Washington, D.C. With the exception of Admiral Greaves, all of the visitors came to the Bay Area to attend the various sessions of the AHA Convention.



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"My home church." These words bring back memories. Whether it was large or small, the memory of it has a special place in our thoughts. Some of us keep the memory alive and others have forgotten it, or, more accurately, have pushed it way back in our consciousness. Why?

It is time to dust off the pictures stored away in our minds. Remember the picnics, the social hours, the friendships, the church school and the services of worship which we shared and enjoyed with those who held similar beliefs and ideals with us. Life for us was less complex, and the truths and facts on which the home church was founded had less competition in our thinking. The home church was part of our lives and we were a part of it.

You have heard the remark, "The reason I do not attend church now is because my parents made me go when I was a child. Now that I can choose for myself I do not go." Do those of us who say that think what it implies? It is saying that we are not accepting one of the things our parents taught and had proved to be a necessary part of life. It is a reflection on our parents' judgment and no credit to ours. They knew that the possession of Christian truths and spirit would strengthen us for whatever life might bring. This has been proven to be true by many of us when we found ourselves in places where the chances of coming out alive were very small. There was only One to whom we could turn.

In the service there is always a group of men who have kept these memories of the home church and the family worship alive by attending church services. For the memories that come to our minds when we think of the home church, if for nothing else, let us attend the church of our choice for a month and then honestly judge whether we have been right or wrong.

H. E. LeMay, Protestant Chaplain

## Welcome and Farewell

The path to Oak Knoll was well worn this week when a total of 31 staff members left and 15 made their appearance.

Reporting in were LT Bruce Friedman, MC, USNR, from Commander Naval Forces, Far East; ENS's Gloria E. Ford, Mary R. Radican, Margaret M. Twomey, all NC, USNR, and all from USNH, St. Albans, N.Y.; HMC's R. E. McGinnis from NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland; J. Arguelles from

USNAVALMAG, Navy No. 926; J. J. Ormonde, from USNAVRECSTA, San Diego; HM1's A. L. Critchett from ADM Hospital School, Bethesda, Md.; R. G. Devine, from USS WISCONSIN, Norfolk, Va.; R. L. Hammer, HM2 from MARINE BAR-RACKS, T.I., San Francisco; HN's M. E. Lynch, G. E. Tomasci, D. B. Frazier, J. W. Rapey, and HA J. M. Fine from HCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Detached were: LCDR Harry C. Barton, Jr., MC, USN, to Coco Solo, C.Z.; LTJG Mary M. Wentzel, NC, USN to USS CONSOLATION; L. Spencer, HMC to Port Hueneme, Calif.; I. C. Adams Jr., HM2 to USNSTA, MIDWAY; HM3's W. D. Casey, to USNH, Alea HTS, Oahu, T.H.; C. A. Fanshaw to USSH CASTOR; E. E. Prince, HM3 to Camp Pendleton; V. D. Smithers USNAD, HAWTHORNE, Nev.; and HN's H. P. McCartney, to CONAS, MIDWAY; E. D. Livengood, to CO, USN, Kwajalein; R. W. Huppert to CO, USN, Kwajalein; J. Wingham, R. S. Schmidt, V. G. Ruff, and C. R. Osthand, J. B. Merryfield to COMNAV, Marianas; R. G. Eberley, D. R. Doerr, E. W. Lilliewood to Camp Pendleton; J. B. Hric and W. R. Naylor to NAS, Alameda; D. E. Mitchell, to Monterey, R. A. La Vell to USNSHPYD, G. B. Chase to Tiburon, NAVNET, Calif.; A. H. Witcomb to NSA, Stockton, Calif., and W. R. Rasmussen to NAS, Moffett Field, Calif.

The following were released to in-



Smiling prettily for you are the four Red Cross Case Aide trainees who are receiving their hospital induction training at Oak Knoll Hospital by training supervisors, Miss Annabell Story and Assistant Field Director Miss V. Wilkeson. Left to right are Florence Stanley from San Francisco, J. Whitlock, Madera; Janet Myers from Seattle, Wash., and Catharine B. Terly who hails from Moscow, Pa.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### CINEMA CIRCUIT

Watch for one of these full length movies on your ward during the week of 9 September through 15 September. "Story of Robin Hood" is a drama which features Richard Todd and Joan Rice. Robert Young and Janis Carter co-star in the western, "Half Breed."

### CLEVER CRAFTS

One of the most popular new craft items are the Hopalong Cassidy vests for youngsters two to six years old. Material for chaps is also obtainable through the Red Cross craft shop, and during the past few months several motorcycle belts have been completed. Come on down to the craft shop and select an interesting and practical craft project.

### HATS OFF!

To the Motion Picture Service of the Standard Oil Company, we offer special commendation and appreciation for their excellent sport and travel movies brought weekly to this hospital. Armchair travel and sports events provide many interesting hours. Starting this month, the Oakland office of the company will augment this service to the patients with additional movies each week!

### FOOTBALL FEATURE

Lately many men have gone to San Francisco to see the 49ers play their home games at Kezar Stadium. For every home game the 49ers have generously donated tickets so that Knollites might attend these exciting pro games. Find out about going on these trips from your Red Cross worker or sign up at Red Cross, top-side in the Community Service building.

### LOUNGIN' AROUND

Another scenic beauty has been added for your enjoyment at the Red Cross lounge. An attractive plant garden which one of the members of the Oak Knoll Garden Club planted in an old aquarium now graces the interior of the lounge.

Speaking of fish, if anyone is inter-

active duty: LT Samuel C. Taylor, MC, USNR; LTJG Douglas N. Jenks, MC, USNR; Frank N. Childress, HN, and William F. Prosser, HN.

ested in caring for the new baby which have just arrived, please contact Mrs. Edwards at the lounge.

Enjoy the hostess dances every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evening from 1900 to 2045 hours. Bridge lessons are given every Tuesday afternoon from 1400 to 1600 hours by Mrs. Edith Vandervoor and Mrs. Bess K. well, Berkeley Gray Ladies.

## Officers' Wives To Hold Tea

The Oak Knoll Officers' Wives Club will begin its Fall activities Wednesday, 9 September, with an annual tea at the Officers Club in honor of the wives of the new officers at the hospital.

Assisting Mrs. Wallace Allen, hostess will be Mrs. Leonard Barlow, Mrs. Jaroud Smith, Mrs. Dean Marcy, Mrs. John Ottum, Mrs. L. Stanley, and Mrs. Wesley Fry.

The club officers for the year include Mrs. Bruce Bradley, honor president; Mrs. Roger MacKinnon, president; Mrs. Christopher Shaw, vice-president; Mrs. Vincent Wagner, secretary; and Mrs. Robert Deppinghaus, treasurer.

Members of the club include wives of officers attached to the hospital and wives residing in the Oakland area whose husbands are away on duty. It is hoped that no one has been overlooked, but if wives in the categories have not been invited, they are asked to call Mrs. Shaw, 9-8211, Ext. 582.

## Sept. Holiday Month For Jewish Personnel

Jewish High Holy Days will be observed next week from Wednesday, September 9 to sunset Friday, 11 September, and from sunset Friday, September 12, to Saturday, 19 September, at sunset.

According to AlNav 38, "Leave should be granted persons of Jewish faith if practicable."

Dallas, Tex. (AFPS)—Police reported that a burglar tried to pry the door off a liquor store. Disgusted, he gave up and abandoned the job. The liquor store's name was the "Chance."

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel  
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

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NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON  
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## Staff Personalities



One of the many Illinois men on the compound is Loren Stevers, HN, from Mound City. He started Navy life in March of last year and was sent to San Diego for recruit training, then to Bainbridge for Corps School. In December Loren arrived at Oak Knoll and was assigned to Ward 44B and then to his present job at P & A (Medical Storeroom). While a civilian he worked for the Illinois Central Railroad as a fireman. Most of the staff members will remember Loren when he sang his way to second place in the talent show held here last February. Loren plans to attend Southern Illinois University when he returns to civilian life.



Harrison Alden Tiemann, HM3, who does filing and general clerical work in the Commanding Officer's mailroom, claims Spring Lake, Michigan, as his home town. A navy man since 5 February 1952, the corpsman had both Recruit and HCS Training at Great Lakes, from whence he came to Oak Knoll on 23 October 1952. He worked on Ward 45B for seven months before starting his present job. Harry's interests include swimming, fishing, skiing, sailing and baseball. A graduate of Grand Haven High School, Spring Lake, Michigan, Harrison plans to major in Business Administration at the Muskegon College of Business Administration.

## Choir Needs Voices

Can you sing? Members are still in demand for the Station Choir, which meets every Thursday at 1930 at the Main Chapel.

Following the singing, a "Fellowship hour" is conducted and refreshments are served.

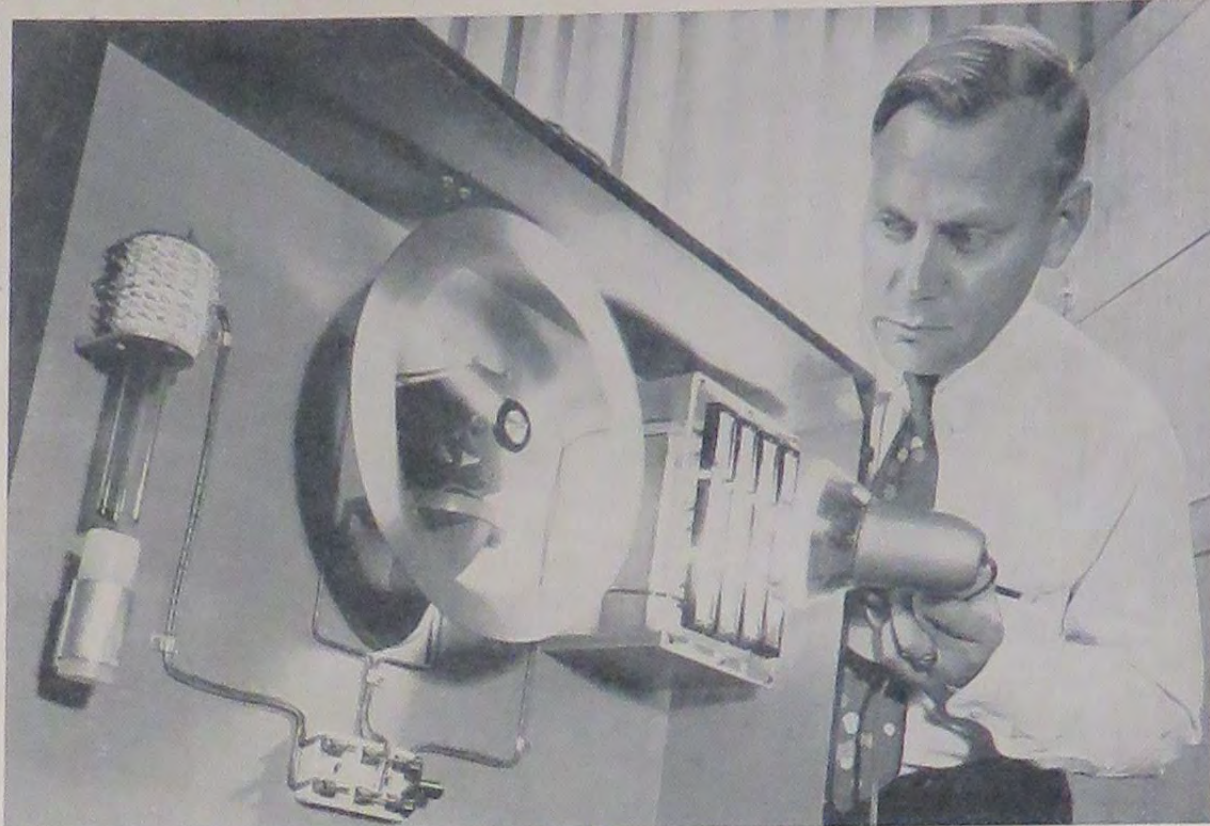
All persons are urged to attend these choir meetings. Dependents, Waves, and Corpsmen who like to sing are invited to join the group.

## Scuttlebutt

PEOPLE, PLACES, & THINGS—Jimmie Lowe is the lucky man who is engaged to Rosabelle Tom of the Record Office, and apparently he thinks so too, judging by the beautiful diamond he gave her this week. Rosa's fiancé is an Oaklander busy learning to be a meat cutter. . . . LT Myron H. Green put aside his scalpel Tuesday to play "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Auld Lang Syne" for doctors who attended the Federal Hospital Executives' Luncheon at the Palace Hotel in S. F. . . . Twenty-two NP School students went to Napa State Hospital for an observation tour last week. . . . John Pratt is limping as the result of the first football injury of the season. . . . Edna Rowan of Special Services has passed her exams to become an insurance agent on the side. . . . Harry Wilson is spending his 25 days' leave with his family in Dayton, Ohio. . . . Richard Farmer spent his in Cleveland and is now awaiting orders to FMF. . . . Mary Ann Wadleigh is threatening to hitch-hike somewhere when she goes on leave. . . . LTJG Edward M. Goldberg dropped the JG from his rank and added a half stripe to his sleeve this week. . . . HN Gudrun Lee's mother arrived from Gary, Ind., last week end to visit her daughter and see the sights in the Bay Area. . . . Bob Worsham is sewing on his "crow" this week and contemplating a life in the FMF. . . . Ye editor, who has been known to pay more than casual attention to "Cricket" Cunha, received a gift from an unknown benefactor the other day—a cricket preserved in alcohol. . . . All it takes to make Eleanor Dioli happy is a good TV show, a comfortable chair at WAVE Quarters, and a pint of chocolate ice cream. . . . The EM Recreation Center is sporting a new hamburger grill and an extra pool table, to say nothing of practically continuous piano music by Travis Ross. . . . Mr. Huber is back from a fishing vacation in the Siskiyou. . . . Even though it rained the day of the staff picnic, a good crowd attended. Jim Fay's mount, rented from stables in Regional Park, ran into a car, but otherwise a good time was had by all. . . . French sailors in the chow hall this week were asked if they could speak English. They answered, "Yes," but further investigation revealed that the extent of their English vocabularies included only one more word—"Hello."

**OAKNOLLUMNI:** *George Rittmanic, HN, and George Storey, HM3, used their week-end liberty from Camp Pendleton to visit the hospital and the WAVE Quarters. . . . LCDR Swofford, MSC, was here Monday for a nostalgic look at Oak Knoll, where he fears three tours of duty are all he will rate. He and Vivian, who was secretary to the Chiefs of Surgery and Medicine, are now at Bainbridge, Md. . . . It takes more than a bus strike to keep two former Oaknollians from doing what they want to—especially if their name is Ron. Ron Ellison, PH3, now stationed at TI and Ron Thompson, HN, from Naval Supply Center, Oakland, both enthusiastic members of the chapel choir, still report for choir practice every Thursday evening and for chapel every Sunday morning.*

**LIFE BEGINS:** John E. Goff, HM2, is still passing cigars to his buddies, to announce the arrival Wednesday of John E. Jr. The 7 lb. 12 oz. boy and his mother, Wilma, are doing fine.



Shown above is a device that shows how sunlight, lamplight, or the heat of a small candle is converted into enough electrical energy to spin the light flywheel of the Sun Motor that is now being shown throughout the country in the General Motors "Previews of Progress" science shows.

## Problems of Mechanical Vibration To Be Shown in Progress Previews

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The problems of mechanical vibration and how they can be conquered are illustrated in this show.

Most recent addition to the show is a sequence demonstrating how the energy of the sun might be harnessed. An electric motor is operated using nothing more than the heat of

a candle and the light from a 100-watt lamp.

The highlight of the program is the manufacture of synthetic rubber. The demonstrator pours two liquids into a pop bottle and shakes it. In sixty seconds, out jumps a large white ball of fluffy rubber. This rubber is twelve or fifteen times the volume of the bottle that contained it.



Oak Knoll may be the only Naval Hospital in the country to produce its own honey, and it undoubtedly is the only one that teaches men how to get the honey away from the bees. HMC Jules W. Fontaine, a professional insect exterminator from the EST School, pictured here with only his smoke gun to protect him, has discovered approximately a dozen swarms of wild bees on these 345 acres. Most of these were comparatively new organizations, the honey in each case representing little more than a month's work. But this week in the old Corps Quarters of San Leandro section, he hit the jackpot. Between the studding that separated the ceiling of one room from the floor of the room above, he discovered the results of months of bee industry and collected nine gallons of honey that is now being consumed in various quarters on the compound.

## New Stripes For Old HA's

Twenty-one HA's will officially wear their third diagonal stripe when they become HN's on 16 September.

Waves in the group are Janet V. Boyd, Betty G. Carr, Sue Champlin, Elizabeth Przybylko, Patricia L. Stanghelle, Theresa J. Verbis.

Sailors making the grade are J. T. Anderson, A. E. Auman, P. B. Blum, F. A. BuJack, M. F. Deeter, George N. Feliz, G. E. Marcus, P. O. Kittle, D. L. McNabb, P. F. Meek, J. K. Taber, L. E. Thurston, C. H. Vaughn, M. A. Wiggins, and Robert Williams.

## USS Haven Arrives

Because of the arrival of the HAVEN yesterday, the Red Cross Lounge will be open today, Saturday, from 1300 to 1630. Sunday and Monday the lounge will be open from 1300 to 1630 and again from 1830 to 2045.

Marblehead, Mass. (AFPS) — Post office clerks here know just what to do with mail they receive addressed to "Cow's Corner"—they simply deliver it to a man who lives at the corner of Jersey and Guernsey streets.



# SPORTS

## Knollites Have Practice Underway; Football Plans Two-Platoon System

With two weeks of passing drill and conditioning exercises behind them, the Oak Knoll squad was buckling down to learning offensive and defensive formations the past week.

Those trying out for the squad are William Snavelly, Lucian Gordon Jr., Dick Baer, Ken Goodwin, Maynard Frank, Eddie Wise, Chuck Sell, Will Fry, Bill Snook, Joe Calloway, Chuck Leonard, Mike Napoli, LeRoy Judd, Jack Young, Fred Guith, Bob Burke, and Al Moreno. On an overall basis the squad has shown considerable promise, although no single player

has yet proved to be outstanding. Brightest outlook at this early stage of the season appears to be the defensive play of Calloway, Snook, Judd, Baer, and Snavelly, all of whom have devoted most of the time to the defensive unit.

For the most part, the Knollites will use the two-platoon system, with possibly one or two players doubling up. Practice has been held up considerably because of the players' inability to attend practice with any regularity. With their first league game less than two weeks away, much hard work will be in store for the hospital team before they can meet the always strong Alameda team and the likes of Moffett and Port Chicago, all having the advantage of bigger squads to choose from, plus longer and more frequent practice sessions.

## Team Being Picked; Call For Bowlers

Old Man Bowling is just around the corner and teams are being formed to compete in the league. So all you "hotshot" bowlers sharpen up, for a meeting is going to be held Tuesday, 8 September at Special Services to see if there are enough bowlers on deck for the District Tournament.

It is hoped that Vic Irving and Chaplain Vosseler will be on the team again this year, and that a lot of new talent will also be available.

## Firemen's Fund Dance; Staff, Patients Invited

On Friday night, 11 September, staff and patients are invited to the Sixth Annual Firemen's Protective Fund Show. There will be good music, dancing, and refreshments for those who attend the dance. The dance, to be held in the Oakland Auditorium, will begin at 2030.

Tickets at Special Services are going fast, but some are still available.

## Knollites Lose to NSC; Tinsley One Under Par

The strong NSC golf team met the Knollites on the Lake Chabot Golf Course and thumped them 17½ to 9½. Even with the unexpected arrival of Jim Tinsley, team captain, at the game the Knollites were unable to stop the NSC team that has been long recognized as a league powerhouse. This was the last scheduled league game, but the team has three make-up games to play.

Last Wednesday, 26 August, was the first time the golf team had been in action in two weeks. Tinsley, with his blazing club, turned in a fine 71, one under par. This loss still leaves the Oak Knoll club in second place. Other players were Chief Leslie Johnson, 89; CWOHC F. H. Bryant, 94; LT J. J. Marra, 98; LT B. H. Flowe, 85, and Chief V. A. De Voss, 93.

The next game the Oak Knoll team will play will be a make-up game with hard-hitting District Communications, who at the moment are resting in first place. This all-important game will be played at Lincoln Park in San Francisco, Thursday, 10 September.

## Educational Test 2 CX To Be Withdrawn Soon

Educational Services announced this week that the Educational Qualification Test 2CX is to be withdrawn as of January 1954 by USAFI. The 2CX is now accepted by the Navy as the in-service equivalent of the second year of a standard college course.

Satisfactory scores on 2CX tests prior to 1 January 1954 will continue to be accepted, but after that date it will no longer be issued or administered.

"You plead guilty to stealing this man's overcoat," said the judge, "and now you want me to reduce your fine. Why?"

"Please, your honor," begged the man, "I had to have the sleeves shortened."



Vic Irving, Knollites pitcher, is shown above letting a "bad" one go by in the fourth inning. The hospital team lost the game 8-6 to the San Lorenzo nine at Greenmans Field last week. This was an Oakland Recreation Department League game.

## Softball Team Drops Second League Game; Chuck Leonard Batting Star

The Oak Knoll Softball team dropped a loosely-played ball game Thursday, when they were beaten by the San Lorenzo Cubs 8 to 6. It was a complete reversal of form for the Knollites, who had opened their league play last week with a sparkling 2 to 1 victory.

Wayne Niday, who deserved a better fate, started for Oak Knoll and got a taste of what was to come when two errors brought in the first run for the Cubs. The score was tied in the bottom half of the first when, after two walks and an error had loaded the bases, with one out, Don Lanoo brought in the first Oak Knoll run with a fly ball to right.

The Knollites failed to dent home plate again until the fifth inning, and by that time a combination of four errors and a long fly ball that virtually disappeared into the badly-lighted outskirts of the playing field had given the Cubs a commanding 7 to 1 lead.

In the fifth frame, however, the Oak Knoll hitting attack suddenly came to life. With one out and a runner on first, Chuck Leonard unloaded a line drive into left-center field and cleared the bases for a two-run homer. With a little luck this could have been a big inning for the base team. After the next two batters had been retired, Lanoo walked, and Cohen and Cooper reached base to load them up and bring Napoli to bat. He lined the first pitch over second base for what ordinarily would have been a sure hit, but here the league ruling which authorizes the use of ten fielders instead of the regulation nine saved the Cubs. Their tenth man had been playing Napoli perfectly and grabbed the ball easily for third out.

In the sixth inning, with two men on and two out, Irving slashed a single to center to make the score

8 to 6. That was all of the scoring for the ball game, but in their turn at bat Oak Knoll threatened to pull the ball game out of the fire. With one down they had the tying runs on base but Napoli was out on a short fly to center and Liles tapped back to the pitcher and that was ball game.

## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 6 September  
SPLIT SECOND—Stephen McNally, Alexis Smith, DRAMA. Rating: Good. This film involves escaped convicts and an A-Bomb in the Nevada desert. With convicts, A-Bombs, and Alexis Smith, this movie should be a tense drama.

Monday, 7 September  
THE BIG TREES—Kirk Douglas, Kirk Millar, and Patrice Wymore, COMEDY. Rating: Good. This picture is filmed in technicolor. It is an "oldie." Two women love a man, but Mr. Douglas' first love money. This is an outdoor feature with everything from a runaway train to a cliff on the edge of a cliff to produce action. All Mr. Douglas wants to do is cut down every Redwood tree in the area, but a religious sect opposes the idea. Does righteousness win out? Find out Monday night.

Tuesday, 8 September  
THE JUGGLER—Kirk Douglas, Kirk Douglas, and Paul Stewart, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. Mr. Douglas' fans are in for a treat this week at the Oak Knoll theater. This time he plays the role of a displaced person in Palestine, and he was a famous juggler in Europe. This is the trade he follows in that country.

Wednesday, 9 September  
THE NARROW MARGIN—Charles Graw and Marie Windsor, MYSTERY. Rating: Good. The small amount of information there is on this movie only hints that it is a murder story. There are well-known stars featured, but Mr. Graw is being played as an up-and-coming star.

Thursday, 10 September  
THE HITCH-HIKER—Edmond O'Brien, Frank Lovejoy, and William Talman, DRAMA. Rating: Very Good. Two men on a hunting trip meet a killer—a man who has hunted all over the country, who has value for a human life. This killer (William Talman) will keep anyone viewing the picture on the edge of his seat.

Friday, 11 September  
EAST OF SUMATRA—Marilyn Maxwell and Jeff Chandler, ADVENTURE. Rating: Very Good. Technicolor. No information listed in the files available.

Saturday, 12 September  
THE SNAKE PIT—Olivia De Havilland, Leo Genn, and Mark Stevens, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. This movie has been shown here before and is a new release. These award-winning actors put together a story filled with emotion. It is the story of a woman regaining her sanity. After the movie there will be a dramatic non-technical science show sponsored by General Motors.

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## Doctors To Meet Monday, Tuesday

Oak Knoll will be host to two groups of civilian doctors during the coming week.

Monday evening approximately 500 military and civilian doctors will meet for a barbecue dinner at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, followed by a scientific program presented by members of the staff. This will be the tenth annual get-together for Oak Knoll doctors and members of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association.

Captain Bradley will welcome the guests aboard, and the following papers will be presented: "Mechanical Obstruction of Small Bowel"—CAPT R. S. Silvis, "The Importance of Milieu in a Psychiatric Somatic Treatment Center"—LT S. E. Willis, II, and "The Artificial Kidney—Case Report and Demonstration of Equipment"—CAPT C. C. Shaw and LT P. D. Doolan.

On Tuesday evening the club will again be the scene of a social, scientific meeting when the Western Orthopedic Association, Northern California Chapter, convenes for dinner and a program in the auditorium.

The visiting orthopedists will hear discussions of "Unusual Orthopedic Cases" by LT H. W. Lagerquist, "Alterations, Peripheral Nerve Pattern, Due to Compression At the Wrist" by LT O. E. K. Hall, and "Developmental Problems of Hip Joint in Infancy" by LT S. V. Landreth. Approximately 100 doctors are planning to attend this meeting.

## Further Training For Enlisted Men

Staff Personnel Office announced this week that anyone, Corpsmen or Corpswave, interested in training in a technical specialty, who has completed four or more months of ward duty may turn in an application for the school desired. These applications are to be made through Staff Enlisted Personnel.

## Date Dance Scheduled Friday, 18 September

The first dance that will be held in the "EM" Club since it has been open every night is scheduled for Friday, 18 September. The Date Dance will start at 2000 and end at 0100.

There will be a floor show, dancing, and "refreshments" at the dance. Only couples will be admitted and only via a ticket. Tickets can be had at Special Services now! Be the first and then you are sure of getting in.

## HAVEN Brings 181 Men Home From Korea



When the USS HAVEN returned last Friday from her third tour of duty in Korean waters, bringing Oak Knoll 181 patients, including 101 battle casualties and three repatriated prisoners of war, the staff rolled up its sleeves and went to work, processing patients, seeing that they got telephone calls home, and making arrangements to transfer those who were able to travel to the hospitals nearest their homes. In (1) LT Vera Thompson looks as though she is getting the situation well in hand, while LT Mary Martin and CDR Frank T. Norris hold a conference in Ward 77B, which served as receiving room for the HAVEN's "passengers." (2) Dr. Norris turns his attention to a group of litter patients, while Red Cross Volunteer Gray Ladies take messages for relatives. (3) SGT Robert Coffee fills out a liberty request, while his pretty wife, Jeane, looks on. The sergeant was taken prisoner near Toko-Ri when his outfit ran into a Chinese communist roadblock. His right heel hit by a sniper's bullet and further damaged by frostbite, he will require plastic surgery before his treatment is complete. This will be done at USNH, Camp Pendleton, where he has already been transferred, but first he is taking a 30-day leave at home in Long Beach, where he is getting acquainted with his 2½-year-old daughter, Robin Ann, born just about the time he was captured. (4) This young man was one of 117 patients for whom the Red Cross placed free telephone calls to families throughout the nation. Gray Ladies' duties the day the HAVEN docked at NAS, Alameda, also included sending two free cablegrams and 14 telegrams.

## NROTC Examination For Enlisted Personnel

Qualified enlisted personnel may again participate this year in the Navy college aptitude test for entry as midshipmen in the NROTC.

There are 200 positions open to enlisted personnel on active duty. Successful candidates will be appointed midshipmen in the Naval Reserve and will receive a commission as en-

sign in the Navy or 2nd lieutenant in the Marine Corps upon successful completion of the four-year course.

NROTC students may pursue any course leading to a baccalaureate or higher, degree with the exception of medicine, dentistry, veterinary, theology, pharmacy, music or art.

Candidates must be between their

17th and 21st birthday, unmarried, physically qualified and a high school graduate or possess an equivalent certificate. All qualified personnel may apply to their COs for permission to take the Navy college aptitude test on 12 Dec. 1953. All nominations should reach the Bureau of Personnel by 20 October.



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

It is difficult for us to learn that God comes first.

He should be always our first consideration, our primary objective. The reason this is so is simple. God has made us for Himself and our allegiance to Him, our loyalty to His desires and our perseverance in His service must be our first concern. But most of us try to wean ourselves away from Our Blessed Lord. We try experiments in different kinds of living and different kinds of law. For example, the First Commandment God gave us is to adore and worship Him. Many humans, even though they may not realize it, are worshipping at their own shrine. The time and attention due their God they pay to themselves. They try to lift their ego to the heights when they should be on their knees before their God and their All. Some become a law unto themselves, overlooking the wise Commandments of God. They make their own laws, as it were, and they become their own executioners. Any man or woman who places anyone or anything ahead of God is guilty not only of idolatry but also of foolishness. Put God first in your thoughts and in your desires and all things else fall into place. Everything is in place when God comes first; everything is out of place when He doesn't.

C. B. KNIGHT,  
Catholic Chaplain.

## Port, Starboard Hold Panel Discussions; Members Cover Variety of Subjects

A panel discussion was held on Monday and Thursday of last week when members of Port and Starboard classes compared general nursing and rehabilitation techniques with specific techniques in other nursing fields. The project was handled completely through student research and planning.

Chairman and commentator of the panel was Robert Williams, HA, from Ward 70A. The other corpsmen who gave fifteen-minute talks were: Ronald R. Chesney, HN, of 70A, on "Major-Surgical, Pre-Op and Post-Op Nursing Care and Treatment"; Virgil G. Bailey, HN, of 41A, on "Pre-Op and Post-Op Care in Orthopedics"; Harvey O. Wylie, of Ward 74A, on

"The Paraplegic Patient from the Neurosurgical Standpoint," and Melvin L. Cutler, HN, of Ward 80B, on "Post-Polio Treatment from the Neuro-medical Standpoint."

This forum was under the program initiated by LT Mary A. Martin, NC, USN, instructor of the school.

## Welcome and Farewell

The usual stampede occurred in the Personnel Office this past week, with 18 reporting in, 6 released to inactive duty, 4 detached to other duty stations, and 2 discharged.

Reporting in were LT Joseph P. Conaty, MC, USNR, from Commander Escort Destroyer Squadron One; LTJG George R. Granger, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG June J. Everett, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; ENS's Rosemary Davis, NC, USNR, and Marjorie L. Hextell, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, New York; CWOHC Cecil J. Peart, USN, from MSTs, North Pacific Sub-Area, Seattle, Washington; HN's R. L. Benson, W. H. Cripps, R. D. Crowder, T. E. Snead, J. D. Yoos, and HA's R. O. S. Cring, R. B. Noble, R. E. Ringler, from HCS, San Diego, California; HN R. J. White, and HA's J. Gournaris, J. N. Learned, Jr., D. R. Smith, Jr., from Great Lakes, Illinois.

Leaving Oak Knoll were LCDR Jesse Adams, MC, USN, to USNH, Mare Island, Vallejo, California; LT Frances V. Buchanan, NC, USN, to Boulder, Colorado; LT Helen R. Fannan, NC, USN, to Boulder, Colorado, University of Colorado, School of Nursing; LTJG Ellen W. Houston, NC, USN, to USNH, Corona, Califor-



Pearl Buck, James Cain, W. R. Burnett, Jean Plaidy, and James Hilton are among the well-known authors whose books are now on the library shelves.

ADOBE WALLS, by William R. Burnett—Apache warfare is the theme of this western novel.

BEYOND THIS PLACE, by A. J. Cronin—Vindication of his father, convicted of murder many years before, is accomplished by a son in a book with an Irish setting.

COME, MY BELOVED, by Pearl S. Buck—Three generations of American missionaries come to identify themselves with the people of India.

THE BLACK STALLION REVOLTS, by Walter Farley—Another one of a series about Alec Ramsey and his horse will interest readers of horse stories.

GALATEA, by James M. Cain—An ex-convict transforms a woman who treats him like a human being.

THE NARROWS, by Ann Petry—A successful negro authoress again takes up the problem of race relations in a novel with a New England setting.

QUEEN JEZEBEL, by Jean Plaidy—Catherine de Medici intrigues to bring about the massacre of French Huguenots gathered in Paris for the wedding of Princess Margot of France to Henry of Navarre.

TIME AND TIME AGAIN, by James Hilton—A British diplomat sees his life in retrospect on the occasion of his son's seventeenth birthday.

TOO LATE THE PHALAROPE, by Alan Paton—Like THE NARROWS, mentioned above, this is also a novel dealing with negroes and whites, this time with a setting in Africa.

THE VERMILION GATE, by Lin Yutang—A love story by the well-known Chinese author is set in the 1930's.

### Mysteries

BEST DETECTIVE STORIES OF THE YEAR, 1953, edited by David C. Cooke.

DEAD: SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, by Margaret Scherf.

THE MASK OF FU MANCHU, by Sax Rohmer.

A PRIVATE PARTY, by William Ard.

### Westerns

DRY BONES IN THE VALLEY, by W. M. Raine.

GREEN COUNTRY, by Gene Austin.

THE RAWHIDE YEARS, by Norman A. Fox.

Naval and Marine personnel and their dependents are invited to use the Library, in Building 39. Bed patients are visited weekly by the librarians with book carts, and any book may be reserved free of charge.

Library hours are as follows: 0800-1630, 1800-2100, Monday through Friday.

nia; J. Baucum, PNSN, to USS VIRGO; H. C. Miller, Jr., HM1, to USNH, Portsmouth, Virginia; and L. C. Royal, HM1, to USNHCS, USNH, Portsmouth, Virginia.

The following were relieved to inactive duty: LT Schuler M. Bissell, LT Douglas W. Logan, LT Herman C. Behla, LT Douglas N. Jenks, and HM3 Kenneth L. Langholff.

Discharged were: WAVES Helena R. Ellis MA2, and Lille M. Kliem, HN.



When SGT Malcolm L. Clear, USMC, was discharged from the hospital this week he took along Purple Heart and two gold stars in lieu of second and third Purple Hearts. He was hit in the face, leg and hands by shrapnel from an enemy mortar shell in December 1951, but after three months in the hospital at Yokosuka went back for more. The 25-year-old Leatherneck was hit in the hand on 26 March and on 27 March he was "knocked out" when an enemy shell exploded and buried him in the trench he was defending along the MLR. Clear, who had spent 8 years in the Marine Corps before he was wounded, plans to live in San Bruno and study electronics engineering at Stanford University this fall.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### MOVIE MARQUEE

The Red Cross full length movie featured for the week 16 September through 22 September will be "Francis Covers the Big Town." Donald O'Connor and Yvette Dugay will star in this comedy.

### THIS SHOULD PUZZLE YOU

There are a wide variety of jigsaw puzzles of all sizes and descriptions available. Come up to the Red Cross Recreation Room, topside the Community Service building, and select as many as you like. Bed patients, too, your Red Cross recreation workers about them.

### HEY HEY! SWING YOUR PARTNERS

Have you ever attended a Ball Dance? Meet the hostesses from Oakland and Berkeley and join in the fun. Simple rhythms or the more complicated reels and squares are taught during the evening. Remember the date, every Friday evening from 1900 to 2045 hours at the Red Cross Lounge.

### LONG-HAIRED MUSIC

For you who enjoy the music of Tchaikowsky, Brahms, Mozart and other classical music composers, a record library is available for use at Red Cross, topside the Community Services building. Records, machines and albums can be checked out to you for a period of a week. If you are a bed patient talk to the Recreation Worker on your ward about obtaining this equipment.

Reach in your pocket; buy U.S. Defense Bonds today.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630  
Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

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Fred C. Leonard smiles broadly after receiving a commendation for outstanding work while at Oak Knoll.

## Corpsman Gets Commendation

Fred C. Leonard, HM3, USNR, upon release to inactive duty Wednesday received a commendation from CAPT Bradley for his "keen sense of initiative, judgment, and devotion to duty," while serving on the Master-at-Arms force since 18 February.

"The manner in which you carried out your duties gave your superiors and co-workers a feeling of confidence and assurance that matters for which you were responsible would be handled with the greatest efficiency... your willingness to volunteer for duties without being asked, and the patience you have displayed in carrying out your duties are evidence of performance of duty above and beyond the prescribed standards," the commendation read in part.

A graduate of Berkeley High School, Fred plans to enter San Francisco City College this fall and hopes eventually to earn a degree in pharmacy at the University of California.

## Nuclear-Powered Sub Named Sea Wolf

Keel laying ceremonies for the second nuclear-powered submarine, the Sea Wolf were held 1 September, the Navy announces.

The sub will be built by the Electric Boat Division of the General Dynamics Corporation at Groton, Conn.

The Sea Wolf will be the third vessel of the United States Navy to bear that name. (AFPS.)

## HI-LITES

Mulvane, Kan. (AFPS)—Aircraft worker Les Jennings distributed a mimeographed report to all his friends wanting to know about his visit to Ft. Sill, Okla. The report read: "I saw (and touched) one of the new atomic guns. It is — and has a —, which does not — but — if it is so desired. It weighs — and 13 oz., without —. It has 163 —s."

Elmira, N. Y. (AFPS)—Two hundred volunteer searchers spent the night frantically looking for two youngsters believed lost. Finally Faith Wheelock, 11, and her sister, 5, returned home and bitterly complained: "We had a hard time getting any sleep. All those people crashing around the brush."

## "Better Be Shot At Battle Front"

Dr. Melvin A. Casberg, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health and Medical Affairs, last week told a group of Federal hospital personnel the medical advances gained during the Korean conflict. He spoke at the Federal luncheon which was a feature of the annual convention of the American Hospital Association.

Dr. Casberg said there had been an AMAZING reduction in deaths from wounds and disease in Korea "and this did not just happen. It was carefully planned. It is the result of the magnificent work of the men in military medicine."

He said current military problems were global in nature—pointing out that there were physical barriers—a Belgian stretcher must fit in a French ambulance and an American plane. There were language and racial problems, but these have been overcome in great measure, he said.

Rapid evacuation was credited by him for much of the success in cutting battle deaths. He said that, if he had to be shot, he would get care more quickly if he were shot on the very battle line than if he were shot in the heart of an American city.

He said the military doctors in Korea showed "a high degree of professional competence, worthy of any university center." He said they took advantage of the LATEST TECHNICAL PROGRESS in their lifesaving efforts.

He said the armored vest was saving many lives but producing a different medical problem—that of men with mangling wounds of the extremities. "These cases were not seen before," he said, "because they were dead. The armored vest saved their lives." He said there were as many quadruple amputees in Korea as in all of World War II.

Dr. Casberg described the workings of battlefield aid stations, helicopter evacuations and rear hospitals as "very nearly unbelievable in skills and value."

As a result, he said, only 2.3 per 100 of the men wounded in Korea died. In World War II, the death rate per 100 was 4.5; in World War I it was 8 per 100.

In death from disease, the rate in the Korean war was one-half man out of every 1000, a marked improvement over World War II and definitely over World War I, when 16 out



Patricia Fettis smiled happily at her husband, Davey, as both waited to board a train for Springfield, Ill. The young mother, victim of polio, was headed for home and her baby daughter, Pamela.

## Young Navy Wife, Victim of Polio, Makes Cross-Country Trip to Child

Patricia Fettis, plucky young wife of Davey Fettis, BMSN, of the crew of the USS TOLEDO, is at her home in Springfield, Ill., this week end, visiting her parents and her 18-months old daughter, Pamela, after a cross-country trip financed by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Patricia, 22, was stricken with polio on the sixth of August while she, Davey and Pamela were living at Hunters Point. Following treatment at Highland Hospital during the contagious stage of the disease that paralyzed her from the waist down, she was transferred here to Ward 40A.

Social workers at the hospital, knowing that the young mother's

of every 1000 died from disease.

Although some 400,000 wounded men were evacuated from the front by helicopter, only five were killed due to evacuation accidents, Dr. Casberg disclosed.

main desire was to be near Pamela (who was sent to the home of her grandparents in Springfield at the time her mother was stricken), communicated with the San Francisco office of the National Foundation. Last week their efforts were rewarded by a check for \$304.77 to cover the cost of two tickets to Springfield—one for Patricia and one for her husband.

The couple boarded the Southern Pacific's "City of San Francisco" Monday evening for the trip to Springfield and St. John's Hospital, where she can supervise Pamela's care while continuing her treatment.

Middletown, Conn. (AFPS).—A woman shopper found a \$10 bill on the sidewalk, and immediately turned it over to the police. Arriving home, she opened her purse and discovered it was hers.

Keep us secure and free  
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When CAPT Charles R. Wilcox, MC, USN, Commanding Officer of the USNH, Camp Lejeune, N. C., and CDR William James, MC, USN, Chief of Neurosurgery at USNH, Chelsea, Mass., visited Oak Knoll last Friday, they toured various departments with CAPT E. T. Knowles, Chief of the Dependent Service, and LTJG Warren W. Hamilton, Medical Officer on Ward 74A, where they paused to pose for the photographer. The two captains were shipmates on Guam in 1933. Both visitors were in this area for the American Hospital Association convention.



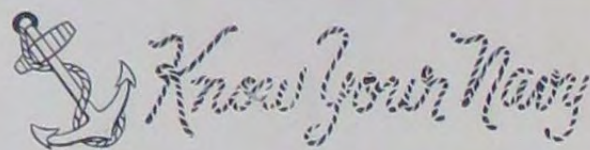
## Flying Doctors Needed For Air Surgeon School

Navy Medical officers, Reserve and Regular with the rank of LCDR and below, are requested to apply for the Aviation Medicine course scheduled to convene 5 October 1953.

Candidates successfully completing the six-month course will be designated Naval Flight Surgeons. At present, flight surgeons are urgently needed in the Navy's air arm.

Medical officers desiring to enroll for this course must agree to remain on the active list for one year following completion of the course or for six months beyond their obligated service, whichever is longer.

Information may be obtained by applying to the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (Aviation Medicine Division), Navy Department, Washington 25, D.C. (AFPS.)



The oldest sea terms are divided into two main classes, some from Europe and others from Greece.

Take the word Admiral, and you will find that it traces back to the Arabic Amir - al - Bahr or Admiral (commander) of the seas. Bahr was dropped and the Romans called the Admiral Bahrs, "Sarraccenorum Admirati" introducing the "d" into the Latin form. The term was introduced into Europe during the Crusades.

The first English Admiral appointed was William de Leyburn. This appointment was made by Edward I in 1297. In July, 1862 Congress created the grade of Admiral. In 1865 a bill made Vice-Admiral Farragut an Admiral.

The word "Ahoy" was once the dreaded war cry of the Vikings—a distinct nautical hail. Sailors of today say, "Drop the hook," or refer to the anchor as "the old mud hook." Bags of sand were used by early navigators for anchors.

The saying "Aye Aye" is old English for yes. While the "bitter end" is the end part of a piece of line or cable.

A short blue jacket open in the front was the first uniform that was officially sanctioned by the Royal Navy for sailors, and this was called the "Bluejacket."

Floating beacons are called "buoys." There are seven different types.

## Editor's Lament

If we print jokes, personnel say we are silly.

If we don't, they say we are too serious.

If we clip things from other papers, we are too lazy to write them ourselves.

If we don't, we are stuck on our own stuff.

If we stick close to the job all day, we ought to be out hunting the news.

If we go out and try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in the office.

If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius.

If we do print them, THE OAK LEAF is filled with junk.

If we make a change in the other fellow's write-up, we are too critical.

If we don't, we're asleep.

Now, likely as not, some guy will say we swiped this from some other paper.—WE DID!

## Scuttlebutt

**LIFE BEGINS:** During the past week four staff members were among the many new fathers who paced the floor outside the maternity section before the good news came. Billy R. Fry, HN, of CSR, has a little girl—name, Judy Ann, weight 6 lbs. 11 oz., birthday 5 September, first child for Bill and his wife, Shirley Jean . . . On the 6th, William A. Sanchez' wife, Virginia, presented him with a 7 lb. 4½ oz. baby boy, Michael James, also their first . . . On 7 September another pediatric problem was added to the many LT Richard C. Smith already has to deal with, but like the others, he gave this one a warm welcome. Her name is Beverly, her weight is 7 lbs. 14 oz.; her mother's name is Camilla; and she is their third child . . . Receiving congratulations since the 8th is HN John B. Widener of Medical Supply Room, whose daughter, Linda Gail, arrived on that date, tipping the scales at 8 lbs. 1 oz. Both she and her mother, Doris, are doing nicely, thank you.

**PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:** Bob Swanson, HN, of OPD, is courting a 16-year-old San Leandro girl named Joanne, whom he intends to marry, come December . . . Betty de Jong, resigning to take care of her husband and three children, and June McKinney, who leaves to await a visit from the stork, as they say, were honored at a luncheon yesterday in the Record Office . . . Sarah Bradford is excitedly making plans for WAVE cycling parties that will be possible when Special Services adds eight bicycles to its supply of sports gear . . . John Weber, DN, is in Bloomington, Wis., for a wedding—his . . . Navy Relief's Muriel Haugh has a new daughter named Sally Marie . . . Alida Quick of Red Cross was honored at luncheon Thursday, a Japanese affair, complete with chopsticks, since she'll have to get used to them when she gets to her new assignment in Japan . . . Mary Sakata's friends in the Dependent Service gave her an electric mixer so she can bake cakes for Robert Agawa, whose bride she soon will be . . . Bob Handley and Smitty from P&A were heroes in the commissary fire Saturday night. The grill burst into flames, but they had the conflagration under control before the Fire Department arrived . . . Chuck Taylor, HM3, of Staff Detail, has taken to raising rabbits in his spare time . . . By the time you read this, Helen Waterman will be driving a new green Chevy, and Lillian Chinn will be touring the traffic lanes in a '50 Cad Coupe . . . Before it gets any older, attention should be called to Agnes Hoover's gray Chevy with red stripes . . . A popular book available at Special Services is titled, "How to Draw Beautiful Women." Would-be artists are disappointed to find it contains a counterfeit bill and a note saying, "Go Buy Your Own Book!" . . . And speaking of art, ALD is displaying a photographic masterpiece involving HMC Schnell . . .

**WHAT ARE WE COMING TO?** Dr. Landreth, an honorable, ethical young man, is to speak at the Club Tuesday night on DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS OF JIP JOINT IN INFANCY—it says in a notice issued from the Exec's Office this week.

## World War I Enlisted Man Collects Famous Commemorative Plates Here

Charles Lawrence Davis, 64-year-old retired ICC, USNR, of Ward 61A, has an interesting collection of chinaware which he started immediately after WWI.

Fifty years ago, collecting chinaware was quite the fad, and when "grandpa or grandma" no longer wanted the old dishes, they packed them away in the cellar or attic. Their children threw them out and now the discarded relics prove to be expensive items.

Most of the chinaware Chief Davis possesses is the old blue historical china. In his collection he has some 30 to 35 Old English Staffordshire wares, and also of special interest are two plates from the U. S. Naval Academy with the Academy's seal "Ex-Scientia Tridens," which is the Latin for "From knowledge, sea power."

Among his collection of commemorative plates are those from the San Francisco Fair of 1915 in blue; Treasure Island Fair of 1939 in gold; Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland, Ore., of 1905; St. Louis Exposition in 1904 commemorating the Louisiana Purchase, and two of the United States Centennial in 1876, com-



Chief Charles Lawrence Davis  
ICC, USNR

memorating the Declaration of Independence.

One of the last WWI enlisted in uniform, Chief Davis enlisted August, 1917, at Great Lakes, Ill. He was an electrician in civilian.

Inventor of a waterproof outlet electric Bake-Lite Socket Press, was presented with the Award Merit. During his tour in the Navy he had served aboard the USS SEX, an all wooden ship, and USS HAWK as a first-class electrician and Chief, respectively.



Pictured above are two plates from Chief Davis' collection. The one on left is the blue commemorative plate from the San Francisco Fair of 1915. The one on the right is the U.S. Naval Academy, Hop Commemorative of 1869. The seal of the U.S. Naval Academy which is above the champagne in the picture was not accepted until 1890.

## New Field Menu For Marines, Sailors

Sailors and marines in combat will have a more varied diet in the future as a result of development by the Navy of a new 15-day field menu composed entirely of nonperishable foods.

Tested extensively by the Marine Corps and the Navy's Research and Development Division at Bayonne, N. J., the new "B" ration has been submitted to all services for final approval.

Although composed primarily of canned and dehydrated foods, the meals will be more palatable and less monotonous than the meals served as "B" rations in WWII and Korea.

For example, the canned beef and vegetable stew served in WWII can now be replaced by a stew made from individual ingredients much the same as a housewife would prepare it. However, instead of fresh beef and vegetables the field cook will prepare the stew from canned or dehydrated food products.

Ice cream can now be prepared from a paste or powder base with water added. It may be frozen by new equipment which can be carried right up to the field kitchen.

The new menu is so varied that it

would not be necessary to repeat main course even once, during 15 days, Navy food experts said. In addition, the menu is designed feeding units of battalion or aircraft carrier strength.

A typical menu for three meals includes:

**BREAKFAST:** purple plums, meal, milk for cereal, hash brown potatoes, bacon, scrambled eggs, soup, bread, margarine, jam and coffee.

**DINNER:** chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, buttered green beans, cranberry sauce, bread, margarine, brown sugar bars, ice cream and coffee.

**SUPPER:** chili con carne, beans, crackers, steamed rice, pickles, pear and cheese salad, biscuits, margarine, butterscotch pudding and coffee. (AFPS)

1933: We were broke so we ate on hamburger for a week.

1953: We lived on hamburger a week so we are broke.

Guard: "Soldier, are you going to kiss that girl."

Soldier: "No sir."

Guard: "Then hold my flashlight."



# Freedom Contest Top Prize \$1,000

The Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., "What America Means to Me," letter contest closing date is nearer than you think. The closing date is 15 October, 1953.

A principal award of \$1,000 and an Honor Medal will be granted to the person who writes the best letter. There are twenty awards of \$100 and George Washington Honor Medals, and 10 or more additional Honor Medals will be given this year's award recipients.

Letters are to be of 500 words or less and should be mailed to Awards Editor, Armed Forces Radio Service, Los Angeles 38, Calif. Letters must be received before midnight, 15 October. Otherwise, they will be considered for next year's awards. The winners' names are to be announced by the Freedom Foundation, 22 February, 1954.

To be eligible, you must be on active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.

## Snook Family Wins Forty-Eight Awards

The Snook family did it again as they walked off with forty-eight awards in the Stockton-San Joaquin County Fair held from 19 to 29 August, 1953. This grand walk-off ended with a percentage of 92, as the total number of entries was 52.

From the forty-eight awards taken by the Bantams, 23 were first prizes; nine were special awards. Among the nine special awards, the Snooks received a ten-pound ham for the most Beautiful Bantam, and a fifty-pound sack of feed for the best Polish Bantam.

Harley Snook of Transportation, his wife and daughter plan to enter 60 Bantams in the Santa Clara-San Jose County Fair, to be held from the 14th to 20th this month.

Mr. Snook hopes some day to receive that coveted prize, the Grand Championship.

## Fleet Reserve Retires Flag, Prize Possession

Fleet Reserve Association, San Leandro Branch No. 10, Wednesday night 16 September will dedicate new flags after retiring the old flag, long a prized possession of the Association.

The old flag came off the old USS PENSACOLA in the 1890's. It has 13 stars arranged in the design of St. George and Saint Andrew, a design first flown in the Navy in the year 1777. This old flag, now threadbare, was repaired in 1901 and has been paraded in veterans' organizations for the past 50 years.

The speaker of the evening program to be held at the Veterans Memorial Building, Bancroft and Cullan Streets, San Leandro, will be CDR G. Casey, USN. LT Paul E. Current, USN, Ret., will serve as program chairman, and George M. Wagstaff, Chief Musician, USN, Ret., will be co-chairman.

A special feature of the program will be music by the Treasure Island Choir.

All patients and staff are invited.



The CPO Club has a new Board of Governors as a result of the election held Monday at the club. On the board, reading from left to right, are HMC's C. O. Martin, J. W. Fontaine, R. W. Prah, recorder; J. R. Baranski, president; L. P. Newman, treasurer; L. D. Johnson, and R. W. Gillespie. Out-going board members are J. D. Morehouse, J. F. Swanson, and L. F. Henney.

## PREVIEWS

**Sunday, 13 September**  
**THE BIG HEAT**—Glenn Ford and Gloria Graham, MYSTERY. Rating: Very good. Here is another first-nighter for Oak Knoll moviegoers. This picture, not due for release until next month, is being paged as a top-notch, cloak-and-dagger picture, the best that has come along in a long time.

**Monday, 14 September**  
**TAXI**—Dan Dailey and Constance Smith, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. Dancing Dan Dailey's feet are still in this movie, but his friendly heart is still running around madly. The movie is about a taxicab driver in New York who helps out an Irish immigrant (Constance Smith) and, against his better judgment, falls in love with her. The picture has been shown before on the compound but is really worth a second look.

**Tuesday, 15 September**  
**THE ACTRESS**—Spencer Tracy, Jean Simmons, and Teresa Wright, COMEDY-DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. This is a story of a young girl who wants to become an actress. It takes place in the early 1900's and with Spencer Tracy's fine acting it is sure to be heart-warming, full of humor, and filled with real life feelings.

**Wednesday, 16 September**  
**COMBAT SQUAD**—John Ireland and Lon McCallister, MYSTERY. Rating: Very good. This is a picture that is due for release in October. Another first-nighter for the moviegoers. No information available in the files.

**Thursday, 17 September**  
**SOUTH SEA WOMEN**—Burt Lancaster, Virginia Mayo, and Chuck Connors, ADVENTURE. Rating: Very good. Love, mirth, and charm are the threads that sew this story together. The picture goes "bouncing" along on the merry trail to adventure and a woman. The story is told through a succession of flashbacks about two Marines who always seem to get into trouble. All three get involved with a Na i hideout in the South Seas.

**Friday, 18 September**  
**A LION IS IN THE STREET**—James Cagney, Barbara Hale, Anne Francis, and Lon Chaney. Rating: Very good. DRAMA. This picture hasn't been released to the public as yet. Full of fury and roaring excitement, the Little Guy (James Cagney) starts to clean house and takes over the whole system after a political machine sets him up in office. This is one of those you don't want to miss. In technicolor.

**Saturday, 19 September**  
**MISSISSIPPI GAMBLER**—Tyrone Power, Piper Laurie, and Julia Adams, DRAMA. Rating: Very good. Here is one of the "second glance" movies. This has been shown to other Knollites before you and was liked. The story is of a Southern gambling man with a deck of cards, a top hat, and a small pistol, not to mention the cane. In technicolor.

## Reserves Earn Points

Medical Service Reserve officers on inactive duty can earn Reserve credit points by attending the daily sessions of the Association of Military Surgeons. This authorization, the Defense Department says, covers eligible physicians, dentists, nurses, veterinarians, women medical specialists, and Medical Service Corps officers of the Army, Navy, and Air Force Reserves. The meeting will open 9 November, 1953, in Washington. It will be devoted to subjects having direct military application.

## VA Clarifies Loan Controls, For Home Buying For WWII, Korean Vets

Washington (AFPS) — The effect of the recent removal of credit controls on Government loans to WWII or Korean veterans for home buying has been clarified by the Veterans Administration.

The credit controls which were first applied to Veteran loans in 1950 shortly after the beginning of the Korean war have now been completely lifted. This action, made effective as of 25 April, 1953, was authorized by the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

### CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

The Veterans Administration also advised those seeking government loans to apply to VA regional offices in advance for certificates of eligibil-

ity. This will reduce delays in processing loan applications later. The certificates are necessary proof to lenders that the VA will guarantee or insure a loan if all other usual loan requirements are met.

The final date by which most World War II veterans must apply for home loans is 25 July, 1957, while those who have had service since the beginning of the Korean war have until 10 years from the end of the current emergency.

First Pvt.: "Why did you salute that truck driver?"

Second Pvt.: "Don't be so dumb! That's no truck driver, that's General Hauling. Didn't you see the sign?"

## Staff Personalities



LT Robert L. Baker, USN, of OBGYN, who hails from Mountain Home, Arkansas, attended Hendrix College; earned his B.S. at the Louisiana Polytechnical Institute and received his Master's and M.D. at the University of Arkansas. In the active reserves from 1945-1949, he afterwards served a year at the Tripler

Army Hospital in Hawaii, then at the Receiving Station at Pearl Harbor. Since then he has been at Oak Knoll. The doctor enjoys hunting, fishing (spear-fishing—which he did in Hawaii), diving for shells, and studying the earth's formation. He lives with his wife, Betty Jo, and two children in Hayward.

Here is a boy who sings morning, noon and night. He's David "Pat" Patterson, HN, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who works at the Library. He started his Navy life in January of last year and had his recruit and Corps School training at Great Lakes. Arriving here in October of last year, he was first assigned to the Travis

run, then to 70B, 75A, 71A, 47A, and finally to his present job. Before Pat's Navy life, he was a student at Pittsburgh College, majoring in drafting. He is an all-sports man, with basketball leading the list of his many activities. And, of course, he sings. When his enlistment expires, he plans to be a farmer somewhere in Pennsylvania.







## Knollites Lose First Practice Game; Leonard, Moreno Score Touchdowns

Oak Knoll's first practice game was against Mare Island and ended in a loss for the Knollites in the last forty seconds, the final score, 20-13, in favor of the Island boys.

Off to a roaring start, the Mare Island team made its first touchdown in the first five minutes of play with a long run off tackle for fifty yards, and a T.D. Their second touchdown came with a long pass and a short line buck to make the score 13-0. The locals came back to score with a long pass by Will Fry to Al Moreno, then a line plunge by Chuck Leonard for a T.D. and six big points. The score at half time was 13-6 in favor of the Mare Island team.

The Island squad was stopped for a time in the last half, while quarterback Will Fry took to the air once again after replacing Chuck Leonard who placed the Knollites in scoring position with a pass to LeRoy Judd that took the pigskin forty yards into Mare Island territory. Will Fry shot a quick pass to Al Moreno who in turn went the short distance for a touchdown. This was the second T.D. for the locals and the second one that the Will Fry-Al Moreno combination figured in to deadlock the score at 13-13.

The locals fought on but to no avail with Judd, Baer and Freddie Gruth playing the whole game, and Moreno spearheading the attack. Mike Napoli was outstanding on defense along with Parkinson, but the Island boys carried their attack to the air and scored a T.D. in the last forty seconds of play to make the final score 20-13.

This was the fourth game the Mare Island team has won, while the Oak Knoll squad has just started its season.

In this game the "flag" method was used for the first time by the Knollites. Each team member wears a small flag, and the way to down your man in touch-football is to get the "flag."

Offensive plays were sparked by passing of Will Fry, Jack Young, and Chuck Leonard. Joe Calloway is team captain, and others that played in the game were Jerry Seely, center; Ken Goodwin, line, and Dick Baer, end.

## Golf Team Loses; Moffett Field Next

The golf match scheduled with District Communications was canceled at the last minute and the hospital team ended by playing NAS Alameda at Sharp Field, only to be trampled by the NAS squad. The NAS team is in second place with a won-lost record of 11 and 2.

Acting team captain Chief Leslie Johnson was at the helm for the ailing Jim Tinsley, regular team captain. The Knollites were at a loss before the game was even underway since the NAS team has two champions listed on its roster, Chief Art Needly, 12ND champion, and a newcomer to their squad this year, and Bill Key, one of the five listed Bay Area National Amateur Champions.

Other players in the meet were CAPT R. S. Silvis, CDR D. W. Boone, LTJG P. F. Bowlin, LTJG L. A. Hall, a recent newcomer to the Knollites' squad, and Chief V. A. DeVoss.

The next game on the make-up schedule is Moffett Field. They carry a 7 won, 2 lost score, and are in third place. The game will be played on the Lake Chabot golf course, Friday, 11 September.

## Men, Women Practice Firing Sessions Started

Firing sessions at Knowland Regional Park for the Men's First and Second Teams and the Women's Team started on 8 September 1953.

The objective of the Pistol Club is to provide training in the use of the .22 and .45 caliber pistols as defensive weapons, besides providing entertainment in shooting matches.

Rules and regulations governing all phases of shooting for training, qualification, and competitive shooting will be determined by the Land- ing Party Manual, 1950.

Members will be expected to train in order to qualify on the following course:

The .22 caliber pistol course will have a total of 40 shots, a maximum score of 400 and a qualifying score of 220, while the .45 caliber pistol course has a total number of 40 shots, a possible score of 400, with experts shooting at 300, sharpshooters 280, and marksmen 220. The .22 caliber range of fire is 50 feet, on the other hand that of the .45 caliber gun is 25 yards.



Jack Young (above) is shown smashing a single in the sixth inning. This was the only inning that the Oak Knoll team was unable to score. Bill Cooper (below) had a perfect day at bat with four for four. Here he is scoring from second base when the shortstop of the Records made an error. This was the last run scored by the Knollites in winning this game.



## Irving Hurls Two-Hitter For 10-0 Win; Cooper Has Perfect Day Behind Bat

Oak Knoll's softball team played their best game of the season as they walloped Ballinger Records by a score of 10 to 0 for their second victory in league play.

After a two-week tussle with a bad shoulder, Vic Irving returned to the mound for the Knollites and pitched a brilliant two-hitter. Irving was never in trouble, and only once did a runner get as far as second base.

Leading the attack for the base team was Bill Cooper. The scrappy little second baseman had a perfect day at the plate with four straight hits. Right behind him was LeRoy Judd, who smashed out a single, triple and home run.

Judd led off the first Oak Knoll rally with a single to right. After Lanoo had bounced out, Clark was safe on an error, and Napoli singled to center. By the time the Ballinger outfield finished booting the ball around, all three runners had scored and Oak Knoll had a 3 to 0 lead. The barrage continued in the third inning. Cooper opened with his second hit of the ball game but was thrown out trying to stretch it into a double. After Leonard whiffed, Irving singled and Judd promptly tripled him home.

The Knollites, out to avenge last week's defeat, refused to let up. In the fourth inning, Pache drilled a homer, scoring Cohen ahead of him to up the score to 6 to 0. By this time the Ballinger Records boys were

probably wishing they had stayed home, but the worst was yet to come. Cooper singled to start the fifth, and after Irving walked, Judd smashed the second Oak Knoll home run to make it 9 to 0. Lanoo added a double but was left stranded.

The scoring continued right up to the final inning, where Cooper doubled and came all the way around when the Ballinger shortstop heaved Leonard's ground ball into the field.

Three more league games remain on the schedule and the Knollites will need victories in each of them to remain in contention for the league championship.

## Laffs

A Chinese walking on a mountain trail looked back, and saw a grizzly bear sniffing his footprints. Turning to the bear he said: "You like my tracks? I makee some more."

"I would love to share your troubles," she cooed.

"But, darling, I have none."

"No; I mean after we're married."

A newly inducted private wrote his parents after being in camp a short time:

"I've gained sixty pounds since I came here—two pounds in flesh and fifty-eight in equipment."

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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 19 September, 1953



That major social-scientific event of the year for Oak Knoll doctors and members of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association brought this illustrious group of doctors together here Monday night. From left to right are CAPT C. C. Shaw, LT S. E. Willis, and CAPT R. S. Silvis, who presented papers concerned with the artificial kidney, psychiatry, and surgery; CAPT B. E. Bradley, Commanding Officer, who welcomed some 400 guests aboard; Dr. Lester B. Lawrence, President of the ACCMA; Dr. James Graeser, Vice-President; Dr. Edwin T. Taylor, surgery consultant for Oak Knoll; and Dr. Donald D. Lum, Councillor, C.M.A.



Among the many who enjoyed the barbecue that preceded the scientific meeting planned for the visiting doctors were (1) Dr. Robert Weyand, CDR Gale G. Clark, Dr. Philip Van Horn, LTJG John Jacobs and LTJG George Granger, all neurosurgeons. (2) CDR George M. Lynch, Head of the Proctology Department, accepts his ration of relishes from Katie Stevenson, one of the many commissary helpers who helped make the dinner a success. (3) These familiar faces belong to CDR H. S. Colony, LT Raymond J. Starrels, and LTJG George Granger. (4) A number of ladies turned out for the meeting, among them Dr. Mary Jane Stamm, who is pictured here with Dr. Rolland J. Brown, and CAPT L. E. Potter.

## CAPT Poos Named Chairman of UFD

CAPT R. S. Poos this week assumed chairmanship of Oak Knoll's third annual United Fund Drive, which is tentatively scheduled to open here on 12 October.

The Oak Knoll drive will coincide with the Eastbay United Crusade and in addition to soliciting funds for the many health and welfare agencies supported by the crusade, it will also raise funds for Navy Relief.

Serving with CAPT Poos will be a Board of Governors including LCDR C. B. Knight, CHC, USNR; LCDR Myrtle M. Warner, NC, USN; LT D. A. Wade, MSC, USN; LTJG H. E. Daniel, MSC, USN; CWOHC R. M. Giles, USN, and HMC M. W. Smith, representing military personnel, Miss Marie Adams of Red Cross, and Miss Dorothy Thompson, Mr. H. W. Boyles, and Mr. Dudley R. Britney of the civilian staff.

## "Big Jim" Becomes UC's Grand Marshal

James H. Cullom, whose "educated toe" kicked its owner's way to football fame in '47, '48, and '49 when he played on the Cal Varsity, was again the center of attention in Berkeley last night. Cullom, a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps and an Oak Knoll patient since last May, rode as honorary grand marshal at the head of the University's annual Parade of Lights, which heralds the opening of the University football season in the Bay Area each year.

LT Cullom suffered wounds to both legs last March when he was hit by shrapnel from an exploding land mine in North Korea. Since his arrival at Oak Knoll, he has spent months in traction on 69A but is now able to be up and around on crutches and to subsist at home. He'll not be kicking for some time, since doctors say his fractured right femur is not yet ready to bear "Big Jim's" weight.

The former Cal football player, also known as "Truck" Cullom, entered the University in 1946 after serving as an enlisted Marine during World War II. He played in two Rose Bowl games during his three-year grid career.

At last night's parade Cullom shared the spotlight with other football "greats," with the football queens from various universities, and with a series of elaborate floats and drill teams, many of them from military installations in this area.



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## A "Well Done" For Guests At Fiesta

Santa Barbara, California,  
9 September, 1953.

Dear Captain Bradley,

It was indeed a pleasure to have the wounded Marines with us for the fiesta, together with representatives of the gallant hospital corpsmen who have always cared for our men in battle with such skill and bravery. Their conduct was exemplary, their appearance smart. Their impact on the local people was terrific. Needless to say I was proud of them.

To have them with us was a privilege. Thank you for sending them to us.

Very sincerely yours,  
ROBERT BLAKE  
MajGen USMC Ret

## Oak Knoll, "Melting Pot"

Oak Knoll might currently be called USNH, Melting Pot.

The patient roster list the names of LT Roland Paban, Charles Durot, PO3, and Jean Carabeau, SN1/c of the French Navy, LT Phillip Atterton, Royal British Navy, LT Pao Sen Tung, Chinese Navy, and 2nd SGT Oscar E. Reyes of the Chilean Navy.

## CAPT Shaw Lectures

CAPT C. C. Shaw, MC, USN, Oak Knoll's Chief of Medicine, has been re-appointed to serve as lecturer in Medicine at the University of California Medical School for another year as a result of recent action taken by the University's Board of Regents.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900

Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday

HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday

morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

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CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL, ON  
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

## Welcome and Farewell

The score attained this past week in Staff Personnel was 10 reporting for duty and 13 departing for other stations.

Incoming personnel were LT Helen B. McBride, NC, USN, from COM12 (DMO); LT Margaret Shaw, NC, USN, from Columbia University, New York, N. Y.; LTJG Maria O. Siqueiros, NC, USNR, from Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nev.; LTJG Violet M. Strohl, NC, USNR, and LTJG Adele A. Bankson, NC, USNR, from Air Transport Squadron Eight; J. B. Amgwert, HMC, from MSTs PacArea, San Francisco; HN's H. C. Sent, D. L. Walton, W. J. Michalak from HCS, San Diego; HA W. G. Simmon from HCS, Great Lakes, Ill.; and L. L. Potts, PNSN, from USRECSTA, San Francisco.

Leaving Oak Knoll were LT Alfred Ellison, Jr., MC, USNR, to MSTs, North Pacific Sub-Area; LCDR Jervace L. Crouse, NC, USN, to USNH, St. Albans, N. Y., and LTJG Dorothy M. Frison, NC, USNR, to Naval Hospital Corps School, Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va.; W. A. Stover, HM1, to USNHCS, Portsmouth, Va.; E. L. McGaha, HM2, to USNH, Mare Island, Vallejo, Calif.; R. S. Grubb, HM2, to USNHCS, Portsmouth, Va.; H. H. Powell, HM3, to USS MITCHELL San Francisco; HM3's H. A. Tie-man, S. R. Sara; and HN's E. B. Lyon, C. B. Kammin, W. A. Clark, to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton; and HN R. D. Lightfoot to USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.

## NP School Visits Hospital and Ship

The Neuropsychiatric School's class of 22 students including one WAVE took a trip to the Langley Porter Hospital, San Francisco, a state clinic affiliated with the University of California Medical School. The trip was made under the guidance of LT Betty Ogden, NC, USNR, Instructor of the School.

The purpose of the excursion was to observe the techniques and methods used by the hospital. One of the most modern and well staffed hospitals in the United States, it contains 250 beds.

The students had dinner at Fishermen's Wharf and later visited the USS CONSOLATION. Aboard the hospital ship, they observed a practice emergency landing of a helicopter, which took place in a matter of about 15 seconds.

A Navy bus provided transportation.

There's a Bond in your Future.



The Grape Queen and her court of beauties from the Lodi, California Grape Festival, recently brought entertainment and sun-ripened grapes to the Red Cross Lounge.

## Common Chevies Cause Coincidence

A one-in-a-million coincidence last Friday landed an Oak Knoll corpsman and a young lady of the Air Force at the Oakland police station and caused another corpsman several anxious hours.

The trouble began when Jose Shannon borrowed a car from Bill Lemon for a Friday night date with patient Kathy Vickers, AA, USAF.

Lemon gave Shannon the key and said the car was a 1941 Chevy in the parking lot. Jose and Kathy found a 1941 Chevy all right and in it drove off along Skyline Boulevard above the hospital.

Meanwhile, Henry Rurup went to the parking lot, planning to go out in HIS 1941 Chevy. NO CAR. Rurup did what any other man in similar circumstances would have done. He reported the "theft" to the police, who apprehended the aforementioned couple and guided them gently but firmly to the police station.

The story had a happy ending when officers proved to themselves that Lemon's keys not only fitted his car but also Rurup's—the one Shannon inadvertently borrowed.



Mr. Robert Tuck of General Motors tells the story of jet propulsion as he holds a device known as an aelipile, which a Greek philosopher Hero had once demonstrated. Previews of Progress, a dramatic, non-technical show was shown after the movie here last Friday. The theme of the presentation was that there are unlimited opportunities awaiting the youth of America if they have a sincere desire for accomplishment.

## Red Cross Rambling

### WARD MOVIE FLICKS

Back on the two-film schedule starting Wednesday of next week ward patients may look for dramatic adventure in "Fair Wind to Java" with Fred MacMurray and Vera-Ra-ston or the hilarious musical "I Love Melvin" starring agile Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds.

### CHORD A LITTLE TUNE

All of you music lovers, who'd like to be able to play the piano with more than one finger at a time, should meet Mrs. Meadows, the Red Cross specialist who has given many Oak Knoll patients a good start toward realizing the same ambitions. It's not necessary to go through all that little kid stuff before learning the rudiments of chording popular songs of your choice. Ask any Red Cross worker about getting on the schedule to learn to really play the piano. Fun for you and for your friends!

### SALTY ADVENTURE!

Deep-sea salmon fishing is a rare treat, and those who can afford it may have to reserve a moderately equipped charter boat for over a year in advance of any given date. A group of amputee patients on ward 42 during a recent sports movie visit by the Dimond Sportsmen from Oakland, looked longingly at the fiction shots of fishing and observed, "Boy, that's just what we'd like to do. Why can't we go salmon fishing?" The DIMOND SPORTSMEN are a bunch to let grass grow under their feet; so Mr. Ray Maxwell brought the matter up at their next club meeting. Members promptly offered their time, their money, and their expensive equipment (plus the influence with charter boat owners) to make this dream come true for Oak Knoll patients! Delicious fried chicken, salad, sandwiches, pop, and all the trimmings were planned for their busy wives. Ten patients accompanied by a medical officer embarked with the sportsmen at 0800 on a beautiful Sunday morning. There had plenty of action (the biggest fish ran 26 pounds) and NOBODY got seasick! Everyone proclaimed it a perfect day. Anyway, there are still a lot of swell people in the world. "Hats off" to the Dimond Sportsmen.

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## Staff Personalities



It wouldn't take a talent scout to spot Alice L. Quinn, but one did when she was singing and dramatizing stories for children at a social service center where she worked in Chicago. As a result, she appeared on three TV programs in vocal and soft shoe routines, was engaged by the American Legion to entertain on veterans' and children's programs and eventually sang with the Kenny Leighton Band outside Chicago. Children a little older than those she has been seeing in the delivery room here since 9 May are still her main interest. She was majoring in primary education at Cardinal Stritch Girls' College in Milwaukee before her enlistment, and plans eventually to teach kindergarten. She also ice skates and plays tennis!



Music! Music! Music! That is what Armand Vernon, HN, of Ward 76B, is interested in. With training in voice, cornet, arranging, and composition, he is still studying music at the Candel Conservatory of Music in Oakland. Armand, a Tulsa, Oklahoma, boy, joined the Navy in September of 1952. His recruit training and Corps School were at Great Lakes, where he also served as choir director. "A.C." as his friends call him, arrived at Oak Knoll in June of this year. As a civilian, he worked in an Opera Club in Tulsa as a make-up artist and vocalist. He has appeared in many light operas. In what "spare" time the young baritone has he composes, arranges, and sings, and he plans to make popular songs his career in the future.

Smith: "Did you hear about Brown killing his partner with a golf club?"  
Jones: "How many strokes?"

## Scuttlebutt

**SIGNS OF THE SEASON:** Football talk and football weather . . . shorter days . . . sleepier people . . . Mr. Smedburg supervising construction of Toyland '53 in the Navy Exchange lobby . . . Ralph Kaujala, HM2, Ernest Connelly, HN, and Frank Moseley, HM3, getting resettled behind their new counter at the COD's desk . . . Helen Anderson wearing a new poodle cut . . . PFC Howard Pierson pointing out his brother among the GI's in the cinema version of "Stalag 17."

**DANGERS OF THIS MODERN AGE:** Arland J. Marona, AD1, of USNAS, Alameda, will tell you these modern conveniences are not what they are "cracked up" to be. He tangled with an automatic dishwasher, has nerve injuries of the right wrist.

**PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:** One marriage sure to get good coverage in these columns is that of Cecilia "Cricket" Cunha of Dependent Service. She is wearing a diamond and planning a January wedding at which Editor Roy Breitenbach will be the groom . . . Eddie Cantor has nothing on HMC Jules Fontaine. The chief's fifth daughter, a plump little girl he and his wife have named Louine, arrived last Thursday. Waiting for her at home were Marie, Floy, Margaret, and Elsie, 5, 3, 2, and 1 respectively . . . Two more JG's are LT's this week—Norman P. Johnson and Bruce Friedman . . . Ruth L. Brauer of Medical Social Service leaves this week for a position as Social Work Consultant to the National Lutheran Social Welfare Department, with headquarters in St. Louis and first assignment in New York . . . Betty Curtis of Staff Personnel saw a rugged looking stranger on her doorstep. He had black-bean eyes, a radish nose, and spicy lips, and underneath it all was a cake for her and her WAVE buddies . . . Thomas D. Crisp says things are fine in Fernandina Beach, Florida, and he wishes all Oak Knoll could join him! . . . "Rick" Parkhurst practices his photography on unsuspecting pals in the chow line . . . Lillian Chinn surprised Record Office friends by saying goodbye this week and leaving for Florida with her husband of two months — Seth Tinsley, former staff corpsman . . . Fred Leonard celebrated his last day in the Navy by entertaining his MAA Force friends at a barbecue in Berkeley. Among the guests were LT and Mrs. Marion Long, Chief and Mrs. Maurice Nye, Doris Doyle, Dick Farmer and his wife, Paula, Dorothy Solaro and her husband, Don, and Leila Pusick, Roy Breitenbach and Cricket . . . TV watchers, especially those who met SGT Robert J. Coffee during his brief stay on 70B (See last week's LEAF), will want to see the Art Linkletter show on 24 September. Bob and five other POW's are to be on the show, tour 20th Century Fox studios, dine at the Hollywood Roosevelt, and attend the premiere of "The Robe."

**BUSY MONTH, SEPTEMBER:** Besides Labor Day and California's Admission Day, September contains Gold Star Mother's Day, First Day of Autumn (coming the 29th); Old Stove Roundup, Back to School, Tie, Fall Millinery, National Home, Lessons in Truth, National Dog, and Business Women's Weeks. In addition to all this, advertisers tell us this is Child Foot Health Month.



PFC Leonard E. Steege, USMC, smiles as Corpsman W. A. Marrison, HN, of Ward 41A, admires the combination cigarette lighter, holder and ash tray that Steege bought in Yokesuka, Japan. Steege is one of the prisoners repatriated in the "Big Switch."

## Armistice 12 Days Late For Ex-POW

Had the Korean Armistice been signed twelve days earlier, PFC Leonard E. Steege, USMC, would not be an orthopedic patient here; nor would he have been listed among the POW's of this war.

Steege, a smiling leatherneck from Medford, Oregon, was in a 4x5 bunker for about five minutes while enemy shells whizzed by overhead.

"All of a sudden a white flare from a flashlight attached to a North Korean burp gun lighted up the bunker and I saw the barrel of the gun pointing right into the bunker—a lot too close for comfort. I grabbed for a hand grenade and the 'gook' behind the gun let me have it in the arm. Another gun appeared, and as I tried to pull the pin in my grenade, more than a dozen burp bullets hit me in the left arm and left knee," Steege told his buddies in Ward 41A.

Surrounded by the enemy, Steege was taken to a cave and placed on a stretcher for a trip to a second cave and finally to a hospital, where Chinese doctors treated his wounds. He was released via Freedom Village on 22 August and flown to Oak Knoll via Travis Air Force Base, arriving here on 4 October.

Steege had been serving as a rifleman with "H" Co., 3rd Bn., 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, since his arrival in Korea on 16 September.



Helen Kuchera, HN, 19-year-old Corps Wave assigned to Pediatrics, has received a commendation from CAPT B. E. Bradley, MC, USN, Commanding Officer. The commendation, given for the preparation of posters used in a discussion of ward hazards, read, in part, "Your participation in the educational program at this hospital has been performed in an exemplary manner. When assigned a part of the classroom discussion on ward safety, you devoted many hours to sketching a series of 'Safety Posters' as an aid to the training of your fellow hospital corpsmen in the principles of safety." Honor Wave for her company in Recruit Training and Corps School, "Kuch" served in Bainbridge, Maryland, and Great Lakes, Illinois, before her arrival here.



Six students from the X-Ray School received their diplomas Wednesday, 8 September, from CDR Clement D. Burroughs, MC, USN, Chief of Radiology Service, who also delivered a short address to his students. From left to right are J. A. Seeber, HM1; honor students, R. E. Neathery, HM3, and G. M. Mirasol, HM3 (W), with averages of 93 per cent each; W. C. Wade, HM3; E. L. McGaha, HM2, and C. E. Hubauer, HM3.



# Notice, Bowlers! Practice Begins

The familiar rolling of balls on the hard lanes this week showed that the bowling team is being formed, and hopeful bowlers are bowling 15 lines to see what type of average they can compile.

Chief C. O. Martin has been named temporary team captain until the squad is picked.

More bowlers are wanted and anyone who wishes to be on the hospital squad may call Chief Martin through Special Services or report to the Bowling Alley, next to the Community Service Building. Hopeful bowlers work out Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday between 1130-1300. Anyone who can post an average of 160 or up can be sure of a starting berth, but all comers are welcome. This practice will run to the end of September, and by that time the squad should be picked.

Chaplain Vosseler and Vic Irving are of last year's team, and some observers think, with them plus the talent that has already turned out, the Knollites should give other members of the league a run for their money.

## NAS Alameda Site For Championship Meet

The 12ND announced that an Individual and Team Pistol Championship will be held on Tuesday, 29 September, at 0930 at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Alameda. The championship is to be held at Alameda's new pistol range.

All 12ND shore base and fleet personnel of the Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard on active duty for a period of 90 days or more are eligible to participate in the meet which will be governed by National Match Rules.

The Commandant's Pistol Trophy will be awarded to the activity sponsoring the high scoring team.

For further information please contact Special Services. Names of entries must be submitted prior to Tuesday, 22 September.



Here is one way to get on base. Jack Young is shown beating out an infield hit. (Notice ball in upper right hand corner) This was the only "bingle" Jack made in the game. The locals backed veteran Vic Irving's fine pitching with a seven-hit attack and won, 4-2.

## Cooper Stopped at Five Straight Hits; 3 RBI's Score Via Lanoo Home Run

The stamp of a good ball club is its ability to win the big ball games, and the Oak Knoll Softball team came through with a fine performance to win an important League game on Thursday by a score of 4 to 2.

The steady pitching of Vic Irving completely handcuffed the opposition until the last inning, when Ted's Bob-Inn team almost pulled the game out of the fire. After being nicked for an unearned run in the first inning, Irving pitched one-hit ball until the seventh. In the seventh he walked the first man to face him, and after retiring the next batter, really ran into trouble. Two straight singles and an error loaded the bases with one out and put the tying runs at second and third. With the infield playing in for a play at the plate, the batter smacked a hot one-hopper to Cooper at second, who fired the ball into the plate in time for the force and the big second out. With some of the pressure off, Irving bore down and got the next batter to tap back to the mound. Irv had a big smile on his face as he tossed to first for the final out of the ball game.

Don Lanoo was the batting star for the Knollites in this contest. With his team trailing 1 to 0 in the fourth inning, the big first baseman came to bat with two men on and two away and walloped the first pitch a mile out into left field for a three-run homer. Irving and Judd scored ahead of him and that was all Oak Knoll needed to post the victory. They added another in the seventh when Lanoo reached first on a force play and came all the way around on a combination of a wild pitch and a wild heave by the Bob-Inn catcher trying to stop his steal of third.

Aside from Lanoo's home run, the Knollites were limited to six hits, all of them singles. Cooper led off the ball game with a single, his fifth straight hit in league play. Judd, Irving, Young, Weber and Graves added the other bingles. Graves led off the fifth with a pretty bunt single down the third base line and went to second on Napoli's sacrifice. However, the brief rally was snuffed out when

Young's low line drive was stabbed beautifully by the Bob-Inn shortstop, who flipped to second for a double play.

Fielding gem of the day was turned in by Charlie Bujanda, who went deep into right-center field to pull down a long fly ball that might have gone for a home run.

The Knollites have lost the services of chucker Wayne Niday for the remainder of the season. Niday broke a bone in his wrist playing football last week end.

Name, Pos.	AB	R	H	O	E	2B	3B	HRR	RBI
Cooper, 2B	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Leonard, RF	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poole, RF	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irving, P	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Judd, C	2	1	1	6	0	1	0	0	0
Bujanda, CF	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lanoo, 1B	3	2	1	5	0	0	0	1	3
Weber, SS	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cheek, SS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cohen, 3B	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Graves, 3B	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Napoli, LF	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Young, SCF	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	4	7	21	1	1	0	1	3

## Golf Team Loses To Moffett Field

With a host of newcomers, the Oak Knoll golf team faced members of the hard-driving Moffett Field team to no avail, for the locals lost 24½-1½. Moffett Field is in the Class "A" League with a won-lost record of 7-2.

Lake Chabot, the site of the game, saw the complete Knoll squad shoot in the 80's while the Moffett Field team shot consistently in the 70's.

Acting team captain, Chief Leslie Johnson, putted his way to an 85 and is doing a fine job in replacing Jim Tinsley, who is still in patient status.

On Thursday, 17 September, the Knollites played 12ND at Lincoln Park in San Francisco. The OAK LEAF, going to press when this game was being played, will carry the results next week.

Sailor: "Don't bother me. I am writing to my girl."

Marine: "But why are you writing so slowly?"

Sailor: "She can't read very fast."

## Oak Knoll Team Plays Alameda

The football team with a loss behind them faced NAS Alameda Thursday on the NAS field. This is the second game that the Knollites have played in this young pigskin season and the first time the locals have played the NAS squad.

The last time the locals faced the Flyboys was last year when they lost the Class "B" Championship to them on the last day of the season.

Again the two-platoon system was used and the line-up was as follows:

Defense	Position	Offense
Dick Baer	Left End	Al More
Bill Snook	Right End	Fred Smith
Joe Calloway	Left Half	Bill F
Don Lanoo	Right Half	Mike Nap
A. Snavelly	Center	Joe Callow
Ken Goodwin	Safety	none
none	Fulback	Chuck Leonard

William Fry was elected team captain, replacing Joe Calloway, and the OAK LEAF will carry the complete story of the outcome of this game in next week's issue.

## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 20 September  
SOMBRERO — Ricardo Montalban, P. Angeli, Vittorio Gassman, and Yvonne Carlo, ROMANCE. Rating: Excellent. This movie is in technicolor and it takes place in Mexico. It tells the story of the pairs of lovers and rivalry between Mexican villages over the resting place of the bones of a local hero.

Monday, 21 September  
SNOWS OF KILIMANJARO — Gregory Peck, Susan Hayward, Ava Gardner, and Hildegard Neff, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. Here is another movie in technicolor with a lineup of stars seldom seen in the same movie. This movie is a "second glance" picture. The story is about a wife (Mr. Peck) who has an infection in his eye and while dying at the foot of the mountain relives the past that has brought him to his present existence.

Tuesday, 22 September  
RETURN TO PARADISE — Gary Cooper and Roberta Haynes, DRAMA. Rating: Very good. Love in grass skirts on a South Sea Island is on the march again. Another good story taken from a series of stories by James Michener, writer of "Tales of the South Pacific."

Wednesday, 23 September  
THEY NEIGHBOR'S WIFE — Hugo, H. and Cleo Moore, DRAMA. Rating: Good. This story is told in a European atmosphere in the olden days. There is no information available in the files.

Thursday, 24 September  
WAR PAINT — Robert Stack and Joan Lor, WESTERN. Rating: Good. This technicolor, blood and thunder production is one of those flickers that show a hero, at the end, staggering into the Indian camp, the sole surviving soul, just in time to prevent the Redskins from going on a warpath.

Friday, 25 September  
MOGAMBO — Clark Gable and Ava Gardner, ADVENTURE. Rating: Very good. With Clark Gable and Ava Gardner in picture, not too much need be said. Gable is on one of those hunting trips in Africa when he meets the woman of his heart. This is another first-nighter. Knollites and will be released to the public in October. To top it off, the movie is in technicolor.

Saturday, 26 September  
REDHEAD FROM WYOMING — Maureen O'Hara, Alex Nicol, and Alexander Scourby, WESTERN. Rating: Good. Hitch up your gun belt and come in swinging, for this is a story with a new twist where the Redhead guns are left behind. This time Miss O'Hara has a man to protect her. All she wants to do is become governor of the state, and a badman frames her in murder and rustling. An "oldie" in technicolor but is worth seeing the second time.

A naval officer fell overboard. He was rescued by a deck hand. The officer asked how he could reward him. "The best way, sir," said the deck hand, "is to say nothing about it. If the other fellows knew I'd pulled you out they'd chuck me in."

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Saturday, 26 September, 1953



Among the orthopedists who convened at the Officers' Club for the recent meeting of the Northern California Chapter of the Western Orthopedic Association were, left to right, Dr. E. W. Cleary of San Mateo (father of LT Frank W. Cleary, former member of the Orthopedic Staff), Dr. C. A. Splithoff of Oakland, Dr. R. M. Walleruis of Sacramento, and CDR R. B. Johnson, who was in charge of program arrangements. The visiting doctors heard papers on "Complications of Intermedullary Nailing of Femur," by CDR V. E. Wagner; "Unusual Orthopedic Cases," by LT H. W. Lagerquist; "Alterations, Peripheral Nerve Pattern, Due to Compression at Wrist," by LT O. E. K. Hall, and "Developmental Problems of Hip Joint in Infancy," by LT S. V. Landreth. LT Frank S. Browne of the X-ray service showed films to illustrate the problems discussed.—(Oakland Tribune Photo)



Hospital attendants Minnie Williams, Essie D. Waller, and Marie Jones, pictured here with their supervisor, LT Martha J. Meyers, this week were commended for their work in caring for a critically ill patient. Their commendation, presented by CAPT Bradley, read in part: "In this assignment, you demonstrated exemplary patience and understanding coupled with a fine level of nursing knowledge and ability. Your untiring vigilance for the patient's comfort and well-being contributed much to the alleviation of the discomfort and unpleasantness associated with her long-term illness."

## UFD "Kick-off" Set for 12 Oct.

Give Once the United Way is the slogan for this year's drive, which will again combine United Crusade and Navy Relief for the convenience of personnel and their pocketbooks. In years previous to 1951 (when Oak Knoll was a pioneer in the United Fund movement), a variety of collections were made on the compound by and for Navy Relief, Community Chest, Red Cross, United Defense Fund (USO), American Cancer Society, and a variety of other organizations.

The United Way gives everyone an opportunity to "give once for all and give where you work" to these agencies, and experience of the past two years has shown that better results are obtained through one major drive than a series of individual campaigns.

A new feature of this year's drive provides that 100 percent of the contribution made by civilians on the station will be turned over to the United Crusade, which supports approximately 100 health and youth agencies in the community. The Military also benefits through this contribution since a generous percentage of the Crusade intake goes to the United Defense Fund (USO).

The military staff will have an opportunity to give to the local community, but a substantial share of their contribution will be set aside for Navy Relief, their own emergency welfare fund. Division of the military contribution will be made on the basis of the needs of the two organizations as determined by the Board of Governors, which includes representatives of officer and enlisted personnel of the staff.

The Oak Knoll organization calls for a large staff of solicitors who will work under a group of seven supervisors, covering all members of the staff. Mr. H. W. Boyles and Mr. D. R. Britney are selecting solicitors from among the civilian employees; LCDR C. B. Knight will name a staff of assistants to collect from staff medical officers; LCDR Myrtle M. Warner and LT Phyllis Hanwell will be responsible for the Nurse Corps fund organization; LTJG R. G. DeWitt for Medical Service Corps and Warrant Officers; and LTJG H. E. Daniel for enlisted personnel.

## Toyland Opens Mon.!

Want to buy your Christmas gifts early? Toyland will officially open Monday, 28 September, in the Navy Exchange Building.

This year Toyland is carrying a larger stock than ever before in the history of the Navy Exchange Toyland. The hours are 0900-1700.



Ensign Dolly Carston

## Sees Oak Knoll; "Sold" On Navy

A field trip the Physical Therapy class at U.C. Medical School made to Oak Knoll last October "sold" Dolly Carston on the Navy, and this week she reported here for duty as an Ensign in the Medical Service Corps.

ENS Carston, a Delano, Calif., girl, studied at Bakersfield Junior College, at the Santa Barbara and Berkeley campuses of the University of California before enrolling at the Medical School on the San Francisco campus. She was commissioned on 9 April.

Miss Carston is now on duty in the Physical Therapy department.

## Dentists, Wives Give Barbecue

Officers of the Dental Service and their wives entertained a group of more than a hundred Twelfth Naval District Dental Corps officers and their families at a steak barbecue Sunday night at the Officers' Club.

RADM H. P. Riebe, DC, USN, Inspector of Pacific Coast Dental Activities, and Mrs. Riebe, and CAPT and Mrs. Bradley were among the guests who attended the festivities.

Hosts at the party were CAPT W. N. Van Zile, CDR William B. Johnson, CDR Samuel F. Bergen, LCDR Traver R. Hamilton, LT Richard M. Leshner, LTJG Larry B. Stanley, LTJG Lorenz F. DeJulien, LTJG Leon E. Schneider, and LTJG Maurice R. Bjerken.

## Picnic For Patients At Fleishhacker Zoo

Good chow is in the offing for the 25 patients who go to a picnic Tuesday, 29 September, at the Fleishhacker Zoo, San Francisco. A bus will leave at 0830, in front of the Navy Exchange.



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

So many reports, so many surveys are published these days, it is difficult to read them all. Rather difficult, too, to understand some of them. I refer to those that deal with human nature and human behavior. Some seem to have been torn bodily out of Joe Miller's joke book. They're good for a laugh or two. Others are rather bizarre, odd, strange, and from this corner, a little ridiculous. They take one facet of human nature, one pattern of human behavior, and then here comes the adding machine. If that isn't a strange approach to the complex organism called man, then what is? It's like saying that ten people who have a pain in their stomachs need an appendectomy, which is ridiculous. Medical science, which knows its way around, would certainly survey with painstaking thoroughness each and every case before it proceeded to treatment and cure. Why is it that these surveyors of human behavior are so unscientific in their appraisals of human beings? They are always letting the "tail wag the dog." The answer may well be that they can't distinguish between an animal and a human being. They miss the makeup of man because they are blind to man's Creator. They judge man by his instincts, which indeed he possesses. But they overlook the great panorama of man's passions, emotions, his reason, his volition, his conscience and above all, his destiny. Love life and reason in a man is much different than it is in an animal. And this is a point which most of us humans will grant and which most of our surveyors might explore. It might surprise them to find that human personality is a much more profound and complex study than their shabby little treatises would have us believe.

LCDR CHARLES B. KNIGHT, CHC, USN,  
Catholic Chaplain.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### GOODBYE

Farewell to Alida Quick, who recently left our Recreation Department here to join a military hospital in the Far East. We will certainly miss her, particularly in the wards in the 70 group, where she left many fine friends.

### POCKET BOOKS

You readers of science fiction, mysteries, and westerns, be sure to

glance through our pocket books in the recreation room topside in the Community Service building. These donated books are for you, and so are the variety of magazines which come in for your use. Help yourself and take some back to your buddies on the ward.

### IDEAS WANTED

How about some suggestions for the Red Cross Lounge? Those who have ideas for improvement of the program or operation of the lounge are very cordially invited to attend the Patients' Council meeting every Thursday afternoon at 1430 at the lounge.

### LET'S DANCE

Don't forget about the dances in the Red Cross Lounge, with hostesses, on Tuesday and Thursday nights and Saturday afternoons. The "Squares" (old-style type) have their dance on Friday nights. Come all and join in the fun.

### JAM SESSIONS

The afternoon jam sessions in the Music Room, Red Cross Lounge, are really jiving these days. More of you cats are invited to get in the swing by playing one of these instruments. We have drums, piano, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, cornet, mandolin, and electric guitar. Let's really build up the band for the dances.

Buy bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan today and reap the harvest of interest tomorrow.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN  
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON  
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015



LT Elizabeth V. Campbell, NC, USN, put aside her uniform and her duties at Physiotherapy on 12 September to become the bride of LT Fred W. Munsie, USN, of the Mare Island Shipyard staff. The ceremony took place in the Oak Knoll Chapel, with LCDR Edmund J. Ford, Catholic Chaplain, officiating. The bride was given in marriage by LCDR Ray Miller, USN, husband of one of her patients. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Officers' Club, where the bride cut her wedding cake with LCDR Miller's sword. Attendants were LT Leona McKiel of Ward 66A and LCDR Bernard Dahl of Mare Island. After a week's honeymoon at Del Monte Lodge, Carmel, the bride returned to her duties here, commuting from Concord, where she and LT Munsie will make their home.

## Stockings For Christmas Being Stuffed

The Red Cross has made a careful count of the shipping days left until Christmas and started stuffing stockings with Christmas gifts for men in overseas hospitals and isolated outposts.

In addition, field offices will distribute 914,000 Christmas cards donated by the card industry to patients in stateside military hospitals.

tals soon enough so that they can send the cards to loved ones.

Also underway is a program to ship 50,000 gift boxes to servicemen who will be at sea or on their way to foreign bases on Christmas Day. Some of this year's outgoing supply of gifts will be delivered to remote Arctic stations by air drops. (AFPS)



Jean Carabeau, S1c, French Navy, and currently a patient on Ward 41A had a happy surprise Thursday morning when Mrs. Zella Burch, Red Cross Gray Lady (and interpreter), handed him the San Francisco Chronicle. It was a special edition featuring his ship, the Porte-Avions BOIS-BELLE, and the entire front page was in French!



# Scuttlebutt

## PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS

Dozens of corpsmen are sporting the new American Defense Ribbon on their jumpers . . . Personnel's ENS Weldon G. Brown is receiving congratulations on his promotion to LTJG in the Medical Service Corps.

Lenny Kamsickas and Lou are having a fine time in Alaska. Their only complaint (which we will take care of right here and now) is that BETTY RIERA of the Record Office never gets her name in the OAK LEAF . . . LCDR Lila Suiter entertained the WAVES at a barbecue at her home Sunday . . . Dick Willis should apply for a job with Horse Trader Ed. He arrived in December in a '49 Ford, traded it off for a '46 Plymouth, which he soon forsook for a '51 Studebaker. His latest (and earliest) is a '28 Model A Ford . . . Katy Kliem went to Reno Saturday and has since been Mrs. Ray Allen . . . Allen Friedman was right in his element leading the Bunny Hop at the EM dance Friday night.

**LIFE BEGINS:** LT S. R. Ducker and his wife, Sarah, welcomed a 9 lb. 5 oz. boy on 16 Sept. and named him Thomas Patterson. He is their third child . . . On the same date Jean Mills presented her husband, HN Robert L. Mills, an 8 lb. 3 1/2 oz. baby daughter who will soon be answering to the name of Angela. She is their first . . . Susan Helene Davis moved in with HM1 Robert H. Davis, his wife Loretta, and three other children on the 17th. She is a dainty miss weighing 6 lb. 1 oz. . . Raleigh E. Busko, HN, and Donna, are also among those receiving congratulations this week. Their first child, Kandis Louise, arrived on the 20th, tipping the scales at 7 lbs. 12 1/2 oz.

**OAKNOLLUMNI:** CAPT Love writes from Corona: "Mrs. Ross had her baby (16 Sept.)—another girl. She's named Annette, weighs 8 lbs. 9 oz. Mother and daughter are doing well and father Ralph is beaming his million-dollar smile." . . . CWOHC Timothy Patrick Fitzgerald renewed friendships here the other day when he came ashore from the USS POL-LUX.

**GOOD READING:** Admiral Radford's story "Our Navy in the Far East" in the October National Geographic has kodachrome pictures and a story of the HAVEN everyone should see.

## Chief Of Dental Service Shows New Technique

CAPT. W. N. Van Zile, DC, USN, Chief of the Dental Service, spoke Tuesday night at Hotel Don, Richmond, to members of the Contra Costa Dental Society on "A New Technique in Root Canal Therapy for Anterior Teeth."

CAPT Van Zile started in 1945 to develop his own technique for treatment of a pulpless tooth and for several years has been putting his method into practical application, using an instrument he devised himself. The new technique results in quicker treatment, less discomfort to the patient, and in many cases, saving a tooth that otherwise might have been lost. The captain supplemented his paper with kodachrome slides.



Dancing, refreshments, and a four-act stage show heralded the season's first staff dance last Friday night. (1) Bill Muir, pantomimist, who has just signed a contract with Spike Jones, was one of the actors featured on the program. Other acts not pictured were the toe-dancing of Magana Battiste and combination singers Warner and Leigh, stars on radio and television. (2) These are a few of the many couples at the dance, looking hungrily at the large plateful of sandwiches and the coffee that were served to all comers. (3) This five-piece combo provided the music for dancing while the pianist also did the singing. They are members of the 12ND Band from Treasure Island. (4) Ted Smith, who emceed the show, presented skits and stories to a responsive audience. Members of the staff who helped make the dance run smoothly were LTJG Richard DeWitt who introduced the "M.C." and other entertainers; Pat Gillett worked the spotlight; J. G. Murphy, L. E. Todd, R. M. Foster, and J. R. Calloway served the refreshments; Fred Bremner helped with the background for the show. All are members of the Special Services staff.

## Welcome and Farewell

Those reporting in were LT Philip M. Griffith, MSC, USN, from USNH, San Diego, California; HN's W. E. Colson, H. A. Dietz, V. F. Funk, R. M. Goering, J. W. Hallgath, N. R. Jaekle, U. M. Maniscalco, D. Adams, D. W. Brown, D. F. Sivador, W. H. Thaxton, W. W. S. Scharlack, E. L. Wilson, R. F. Murriel, R. W. Sampier, A. E. Amos, J. W. Coombe, H. W. Papanek, from HCS, San Diego, California; HN's R. E. Dettmann and W. L. Kather, and HA's C. L. Hammond, C. M. Schultz from HCS, Great Lakes, Illinois, and HA J. A. Gibbs from HCS, Bainbridge, Maryland.

Detached were LT Lowell K. Cunningham, MC, USN, to Mare Island, Vallejo; LT Vera E. K. Thompson, NC, USN, to USNH, Portsmouth, Virginia; HM3's S. Nussenblatt to COMNAV, Philippines; H. H. Powell to USS MITCHELL; W. C. Wade to NAS, Whidbey Island, Washington; and G. W. Mirasol to USNSTA, Tongue Point, Astoria, Oregon; and HN's J. V. R. Oliver, D. R. Mogg, H. R. Miller and J. Van Duine, to Mare Island, Vallejo; F. B. Houghton to USNH, San Diego; and W. O. Salivar to COMNAV, Philippines.

Released to inactive duty was LT Milton C. Mapes, Jr., and discharged were LTJG Rose L. Smith and J. F. Carey, Jr., HM1.

## Staff Personalities

Theresa (Terry) Verbish, HN, former "night floater," now works in Premature Nursery, Ward 73B. A hometown of Williamstown, Pennsylvania, she joined the Navy on 16 September, 1952; taking her recruit training at Bainbridge, Maryland, she went to Great Lakes HCS before

her arrival at Oak Knoll. Terry enjoys basketball—likes to play center guard; she also "goes for" underwater swimming and even football. Her preference in music leans toward the modern, with dreamy ballads getting top priority. She sang first soprano in the Glee Club at Williamstown High School.



Durham, N. C., is "home" to Richard Neathery, HM3, a recent graduate from X-Ray School. Following recruit and Corps School training at San Diego, Dick was assigned to the hospital there as staff. He was then sent to Corona USNH, from there to the USS CONSOLATION, and finally to Oak Knoll in February of this year. Dick has been on the bowling and softball teams at the hospital and hopes to be on the bowling team again this year. When he is discharged from the Navy sometime this year he plans to attend a college somewhere on the East coast. He was a butcher before entering the service in 1948.







# First League Football Game Won, Lost, Rescheduled With Alameda

The Oak Knoll football team played NAS, Alameda, on Wednesday, 16 September, their first league game—only to win, lose, and have the contest rescheduled all in one day. The game will be replayed Monday at 1430.

In the first quarter the Flyboys ran away from the locals to score their first TD. The Knollites came storming back with a series of Will Fry-to-Fred Guith short passes that set the locals in scoring position. Chuck Leonard then took a handoff from quarterback Fry and plunged over from the four-yard line for six points to tie the score at 6-6.

Team captain Fry kept the air filled with passes, while Chuck Leonard kept the Alameda six on their toes with his yard-gaining runs for the remainder of the half. Alameda stopped the locals cold every time they got within ten yards of the goal. The Flyboys' big center stopped the Knollites dead in their tracks with his fine defensive playing on three of the locals' hard-fought marches down to the Alameda ten-yard line.

The Flyboys' attack really bogged down in the third quarter when the Knollites' defense squad started to click, with Dick Baer, Joe Calloway, and Guith turning in outstanding plays on defense, not to mention safety man Ken Goodwin's intercepting two of the Flyboys' passes while playing defensive half. These plays, plus a strong defense, stopped the Flyboys cold in the third quarter. The hospital squad stepped up their attack. Fry took to the air and flipped a forty-yard pass to Guith, just off defense, who carried the pigskin down to the ten-yard line in Alameda territory. Mike Napoli took the ball on a reverse play from Fry and ran ten yards for the touchdown, making the score 13-6 in favor of Oak Knoll.

In the fourth quarter, Leonard,

who had gained much yardage against the opponents, replaced Fry at quarterback, piloted the team down to the six-yard line, and flipped a short jump pass to Don Lanoo in the end zone for a TD, making the score 19-6.

Alameda came back to score their second touchdown and make the score 19-13. The dispute then started when, with 15 seconds left in the game and the ball in the opponents' possession on the locals' eighteen-yard line, an incomplete pass was thrown as the game was about to end. However, the Knollites were penalized fifteen yards for clipping, and the final play was allowed the Alameda squad. Their pass over the goal line was completed, but the umpire ruled that it was caught out of the end zone. His signal was misunderstood by the referee, who signaled a TD. The conversion was good, making the score 20-19 in Alameda's favor. The umpire pointed out the referee's mistake, and the referee corrected his call, to reverse the score in favor of Oak Knoll. After all this, the 12ND Football Commissioner ruled that a touchdown once-signal could not be recalled, and the score was again reversed to 20-19 in favor of Alameda.

But the final decision was that the game should be rescheduled for Monday, 28 September, at Alameda.

The Oak Knoll squad played Western Sea Frontier 23 September on the locals' home field. Watch The OAK LEAF for the results.

## Knollites; Tinsley See Last Game On Links

Alameda was the site Thursday for the golf game between the Knollites and District Communications, and the contest counted for two matches.

Last week's meet, which was to have been played with 12ND HQS, was canceled.

Jim Tinsley, released from patient status, was at the helm for the Knollites. This was the first time since the latter part of August that he had been in action.

With the league games already finished, the locals are just clearing away the meets that were canceled during the season, and Thursday's meet was the last on the Oak Knoll makeup schedule.

The OAK LEAF will carry complete scores of the players in next week's issue.

Washington—first in war, first in peace, fifth in the American league!

"I gave a football player one dollar today."  
"Did you get it back?"  
"No; I got it half-back."

# Judd Out For Next League Game, Don Clark To Fill In Behind Plate

The softball team was idle this week except for a short practice game on Thursday. With only a few games left to go in the Oakland Recreation Department League, the outlook is a lot brighter for the Knollites than it was three weeks ago. At that time the team's record stood at one victory and one defeat after losing a sloppily-played ball game to one of the poorer teams in the league. With the knowledge that another bad ball game would cost them their last chance at the league championship, the team snapped back to smother their next opponent 10 to 0 and then pull out a tight 4 to 2 victory the following week.

The big man on the club is Vic Irving, who holds the team's fortunes in the palm of his durable right arm. With Irving on the mound the entire team seems to play a better brand of ball. He has been especially effective in the current ORD League, having given up just three runs in as many ball games. Irv is mighty handy with a bat, too; and along with Judd and Lanoo gives the Knollites three long ball hitters to bolster their attack.

A major point in the team's favor is its ability to field two or even three good men at each position. This advantage was brought sharply into focus when the team learned that Leroy Judd, their hard-hitting catcher, would miss the next league game. Ordinarily, this would be a crippling blow to most teams, but the Knollites have Don Clark ready to fill in behind the plate and he has shown himself to be a more than capable backstop.

Don Lanoo at first base and Bill Cooper at second form a strong right side of the infield, offensively as well as defensively. With Weber and Cheek at short, and Cohen and Graves splitting the third-base chores, the left side of the infield has been no problem either.

The team boasts a wealth of outfield talent. It could easily field a good left and right-handed hitting trio of flychasers. Napoli, Bujanda and Liles are three dependable right-



Vic Irving, the Knollites' pitcher shows some of the hustle that has been shown by the whole team throughout the season. Vic is one of the mainstays and long ball hitters of the team.

hand hitters, while Leonard, Pacheco and Poole give the team plenty of power on the port side. Put them together, add Jack Young, who doubles on the mound, and you have the combination that is a good bet to win the ORD League and add another laurel to the hospital's procession of fine, representative ball clubs that have become a tradition here at Oak Knoll.

## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 27 September

ROYAL AFRICAN RIFLES—Louis Hayward and Veronica Hurst, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. Here is a release of a story not yet told to the viewing public. YOU will be the first to see this picture, and there is no information listed in the files except that it is a first-nighter for the hospital and it is in technicolor.

Monday, 28 September

STEEL TRAP—Joseph Cotton and Teresa Wright, MYSTERY. Rating: Fair. You can feel the jaws of justice closing around you while viewing this motion picture that is full to the brim with suspense. The hero steals a million dollars from a bank where he is employed. His (Mr. Cotton's) trail is filled with setbacks and finally his wife (Teresa Wright) leaves him.

Tuesday, 29 September

AFFAIR IN MONTE CARLO—Merle Oberon, Richard Todd, and Leo Genn, COMEDY. Rating: Good. By jove, this is a British flicker in technicolor. A wealthy novelist, Mr. Genn, amuses his friend with a story of love at first sight. He shows how his present wife (Merle Oberon) was infatuated with soft-spoken, high-hat gambler, Mr. Todd. Loaded with laughs, amusing situations, and British humor.

Wednesday, 30 September

VICKI—Jeanne Crain, Jean Peters, and Elliott Reid, MYSTERY. Rating: Fair. Brush off that badge, slip the handcuffs in

your pocket, and check to see if your is loaded for this is another murder Manhattan, just a routine job. That is, until the innocent man being framed gets the case. The picture is a remake of the "I Wake Up Screaming," made in 1941.

Thursday, 1 October

99 RIVER STREET—John Payne, Evelyn Keyes, and Brad Dexter, MELODRAMA. Rating: Good. Love and intrigue are stirred briskly against a background of jewel and murder.

Friday, 2 October

BLOWING WILD—Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck, Ruth Roman, and Anthony Quinn, ADVENTURE. Rating: Excellent. Anthony Quinn, who received the Academy Award for "Best Supporting Actor," one of the four leads, along with Gary Cooper, who won the Academy Award "Best Actor" of the year. Filmed amid smoldering excitement of Mexico, this production is filled with brawls and bandits, women south of the border. Here is a first-nighter you surely will want to see.

Saturday, 3 October

NEVER WAVE AT A WAC—Rosemary Russell, Paul Douglas, and Marie Windsor, COMEDY. Rating: Excellent. A hearted adventure of a Washington hotel (Miss Russell) who joins the Army. She is unable to get very far in the WAC as she wants to bring her butler and maid with her. You will roll in the aisles at funny situations that result.

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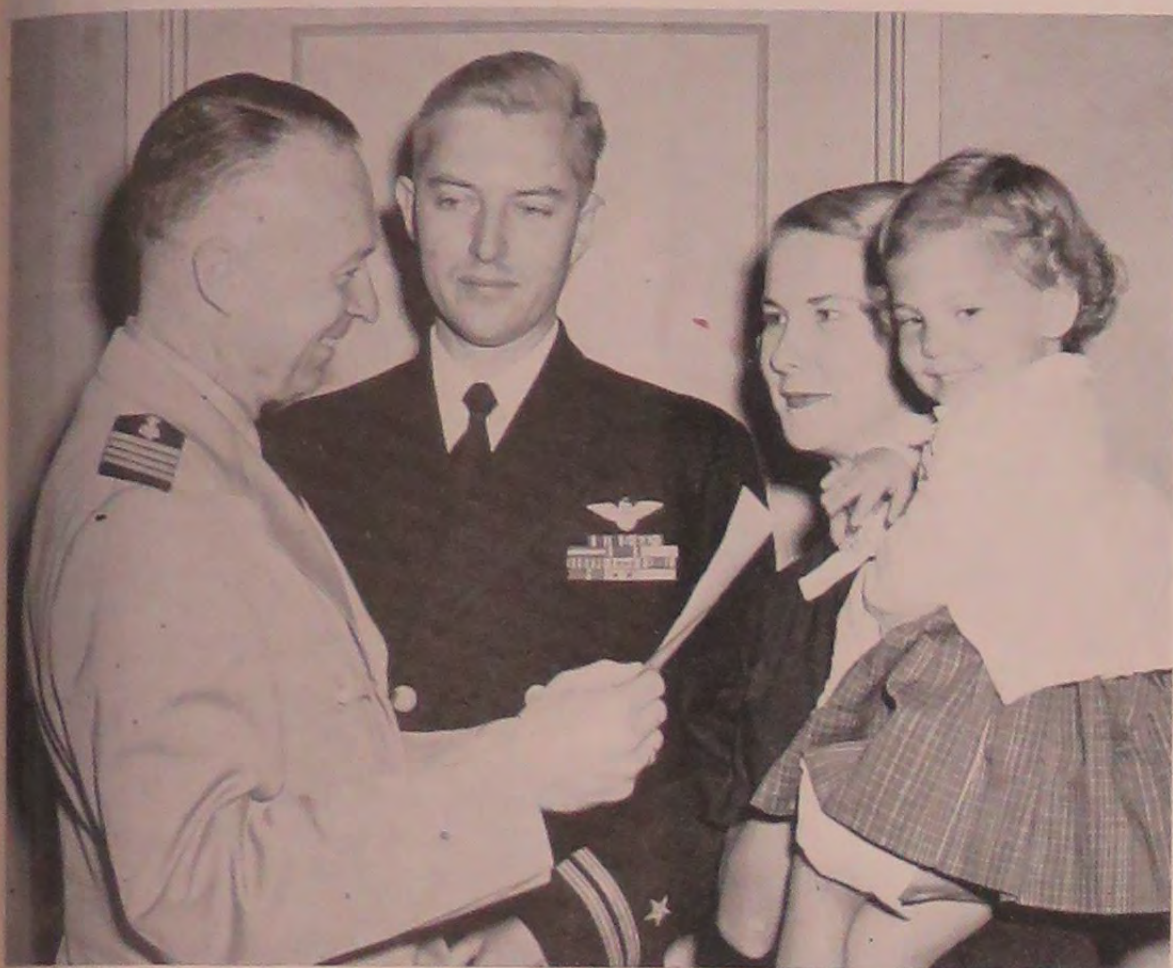
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Saturday, 3 October, 1953



The most interested spectators present when Captain Bradley presented LT Charles E. Starns Jr., the Gold Star in lieu of a fifth Air Medal were the lieutenant's wife, Barbara, and daughter, Cindy, who live in San Leandro.

## Navy Lieutenant, Marine Wounded After Truce, Decorated by C. O.

A Navy lieutenant received the Gold Star in lieu of a fifth Air Medal; a hospital corpsman, and eight wounded Marines received the Purple Heart in ceremonies held last Thursday in Captain Bradley's office.

LT Charles E. Starns, Jr., 32, who returned from 42 missions over North Korea without a scratch to show for his combat experience, was hospitalized here on 18 August when he was stricken by polio while on leave from the Naval Air Station, Alameda. He has made a good recovery, but there is still some paralysis in his left shoulder and upper arm, and doctors are not certain that he will be able to fly again. They are confident that he

will be able to return to active duty.

### IN TEN STRIKES

The award LT Starns received was "for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Korean theater during the period 29 April to 3 June 1953 in areas where enemy aircraft and anti-aircraft fire could be expected." As a pilot with Panther Jet Squadron 92, flying from

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Honored at last week's award ceremony were, left to right, seated, Alfonso Rivera, PVT L. B. Hart, Dale W. Brown, HN, all of whom received the Purple Heart; and LT Charles E. Starns, Jr., who received the Gold Star in lieu of a fifth Air Medal. Standing are PFC Ralph Todd, one of the last men wounded in Korea; PFC Frank A. Scout, SGT Loren P. Polson, PFC William D. Nalley, and CPL Robert T. Hyatt, wearers of the Purple Heart.

## Fund Drive Opens 12 Oct; Hospital Goal Is \$12,000

The hospital's goal in the United Fund Drive to open here Monday, 12 October, has been set at \$12,000, CAPT R. S. Poos, chairman of the drive, announced this week following a meeting of the Board of Governors.

This figure, he said, was based on a thorough study of civilian and military payrolls and can be reached with little difficulty providing members of the staff support the drive 100 percent.

### GIVE A FAIR SHARE

Civilian and military personnel will be asked to give their fair share to the drive, and though downtown firms are referring to a day and a half's pay as a "fair share" the heads of the Oak Knoll campaign are suggesting that members of the staff contribute one day's pay to the drive.

It is important to note that contributors need not make their full contribution at one time since the drive will continue through the next seven weeks. Each employee will receive at least four pay checks during that period, and each will have the privilege of paying out his pledge in installments to be arranged with his solicitor.

### WHERE DOES OUR MONEY GO?

Funds contributed the United Way will go to the Alameda County Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, American National Red Cross, Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, the Community Chest (which includes such organizations as day nurseries, health and visiting nurse associations, Boy and Girl Scouts, family service agencies, Salvation Army, Travelers Aid Society, and many others), to the United Defense Fund (USO) which was organized especially to benefit the serviceman, and to Navy Relief.

It will take a fair size check to provide something for each one.

### ONLY ONE DRIVE

This will be the one and only drive on the compound this year. It is true that a few organizations have not joined the Crusade. The Cerebral Palsy Association has its telethon, and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis its March of Dimes, and the Tuberculosis and Health Association its Christmas Seals. There will be opportunities to give to these organizations, but there will be no active solicitation for them on the compound.

In the GIVE WHERE YOU WORK system each one who makes a contribution, however large or small, will receive an "I Gave" sticker to

post in his window. This will make him immune from further solicitation and will let his neighbors know he is actively interested in serving his community.



Buddy Ryan is pictured here with the letter of commendation that he received for his outstanding work.

## CAPT Commends Corpsman Ryan

Buddy Ryan, HM3 received a Commendation from the skipper Monday prior to his detachment to a new assignment in the Mariannas.

Ryan was commended for his service in the offices of the CO and the Executive Officer from November 1952 to September 1953 when "his initiative, reliability and industry proved invaluable, not only to those officers but to others with whom he worked."

"You have carried out all the duties assigned to you in an excellent manner and have constantly strived to improve your work by taking special courses of instruction beyond those required . . . You willingly accepted any new tasks and assignments and at all times displayed intense loyalty and devotion to duty," his commendation read in part.

## EM To Be Promoted

Promotion of 55,000 Navy enlisted men to paygrades E-4, E-5, and E-6 following examinations held last month is planned by Bureau of Personnel. Lists of successful candidates will be mailed to the commands in October. Promotions will be effective 16 November.



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

All of us seem to be natural born happiness seekers, but so many of us appear to be born without the formula, faith, or truths that bring about what we most seek.

Where to find happiness and how to claim it? These questions are asked with regularity. Saint Augustine, in the days of his youth and young manhood, endeavored to find happiness by giving in to his passions and searching for delights and pleasures. He realized, however, that it gave him more and more unrest and distress of mind and soul. Until the time when he realized that he had no right to expect that everything revolved around him, that he was not the one around whom the world and universe revolved, he felt himself getting nowhere.

The turning point, or conversion experience, his "change of mind" came when he realized that all of his happiness seeking was a blind alley. Happiness is not something he could attain by seeking it. The years proved to him the folly of seeking happiness; he found himself when he gave up trying to grasp it, as he gave himself more and more to study, devotion, and worship of Almighty God.

What a contrast this afforded him when he gave up the chase for thrill upon thrill, stopped trying to get God and the world to serve his every whim and fancy! When he faced God and the issues of life squarely, he exclaimed, "Thou hast made us for thyself! our souls are restless until they rest in Thee."

Happiness comes to man as the consequence, as a sort of by-product of true living, right relationships with God and our fellowmen, obedience to the rules of the Lord God. "In His will is our peace."

L. G. M. VOSSELER  
Protestant Chaplain

## Welcome and Farewell

The list of new personnel to join the Staff this past week reached the small sum of 11. Out of the 17 leaving the base three were released to inactive duty, and two were discharged.

Reporting for duty were: CDR Emanuel Rollins, MC, USN, from USNH, Guam; LT Stanley R. Maxeiner, Jr., MC, USNR, from MarCorPac, San

Francisco; LT William Ingram, Jr., MC, USN, from USNH, Camp Pendleton; LCDR Matthew J. Millard, MSC, USN, from Field Branch, BuMed, Brooklyn, New York; LT Eleanor A. Torkelson, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT Esther H. Miller, NC, USNR from USS GEN. A. E. ANDERSON; LT Arline C. Conrad, NC, USN, and ENS Mary Wislowski, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, New York; R. A. Dillon, HM2, from the USS S. KIDD; E. T. Hanusovski, HM1, from NSC, Oakland, California; HA E. F. Sutherland, HCS, Great Lakes.

Detached were: LT Lillian T. McCabe, NC, USNR, to USNH, Portsmouth, New Hampshire; D. J. Goddard, HM2, to Inyokern, California; HM3's J. L. Henderson, to MarBks, Camp Pendleton; R. E. Roberts, to USNH, Corona, California; C. D. Wortman, to USNH, San Diego; D. W. Wyckoff, to USNH, San Diego; A. H. Dearing, to CO, MSTs, San Francisco; R. H. Jones, to USNR, Sta. T. I., San Francisco; W. F. Finney, to NAS, Pearl Harbor; and D. W. Herr, Jr., to NAS, Barbers Point, T. H.; C. W. Bukiman, HN, to MarCorRecDep, San Diego; and J. M. Mallach, DN, to MarBks, Camp Pendleton.

Released to inactive duty were: LT Harry S. Ogden, NC, USNR; LT Betty S. Ogden, NC, USNR, and V. M. Enter, DN. Discharged were: H. H. Harvey, HM1, and F. E. Nelson, YN3.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel  
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN  
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON  
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015



'BYE NOW! Oak Knoll will soon be bidding farewell to these three Red Cross trainees in Case Aid work. They are from left to right: Elaine Thomas, Jo Ann Matthes, and Nyva Hird. Miss Thomas is a Berkeley girl and receives her A.B. degree at the University of California. Miss Matthes' home is in Seattle, where she attended the University of Washington, and Edgemoor, North Dakota, is Miss Hird's home town. She was graduated from the University of North Dakota.

## Red Cross Ramblings

Many thanks go to the Berkeley Elks Club which recently donated several sheepskins in various colors to the Red Cross Craft Shop. This material is available for patients to make purses, moccasins, baby shoes, or to work out original ideas.

### SANTA IS COMING

Just remember to get your Christmas gifts made early at the Red Cross Craft Shop. If you are without inspiration right now about what you can make for your sweetheart, wife, mother, youngster, or dad, let Mrs. Christiana or one of the Craft Gray Ladies suggest some ideas and avoid that last minute rush!

### GIRLS! GIRLS!

Patients who have been attending the hostesses dances at the Red Cross Lounge will soon notice a great

change. Approximately sixty girls will complete their hostess training course Tuesday, 6 October. Let's have a big turnout at our Tuesday and Thursday evening dances to welcome these girls who represent the YWCA, University of California groups, and the Berkeley and Oakland business girls.

### GIT FIDDLES!

There has been such a run on guitars in the Red Cross Lounge lately that the guitars have been meeting themselves coming and going. Let's hear the results of your practicing and get a western combo together. Don't forget that there are mandolins and banjos available, too, and can anybody play the fiddle or harmonica?

## Why Fire Prevention Week?

Some of you readers may be questioning why each year a week should be set aside as Fire Prevention Week.

Since the week designated is always that in which 9 October, the anniversary of the great Chicago Fire in 1871 falls, you may be inclined to pass it over as a fitting memorial of that terrible conflagration which was one of the most destructive and costly in both lives and property in all history.

Or perhaps if you are inclined to be cynical you may regard it as just another promotional stunt—the brain child of some smart advertising man—like so many of the "special days" and "weeks" that have increasingly cluttered up our calendars in recent years, devoted to stimulating the sale and use of some commercial product.

In either case, you may well be asking why, if fire prevention is so vitally important, devote just a week to it instead of making it a year round activity.

Let us try to resolve these questions by looking at the facts. First, we turn to the statistics. These figures are cold and impersonal until we translate them into the human and economic values which they merely represent. We find that on an average nearly 11,000 persons lose their lives each year in fires. And many times that number suffer incapacitating or painful burns and injuries. A majority of these deaths occur in homes where more than 400,000 fires were reported last year. The victims of these home fires are largely women and children.

During 1953 we burned \$800,000,000 worth of property—the highest loss in history. We wasted this accumulation of buildings and goods at a time when our productive plant was working at full capacity to supply our own needs and those of nations throughout the world which had been devastated by the late war.

These figures indicate the magnitude of the problem which fires present. They measure its destructive force in lives and dollars. They supply the answer to the question as to why we should have a "Fire Prevention Week."



# Scuttlebutt

**RANDOM SCENES** Around the Compound: Lenon Keith packing for the final trip home after release to inactive duty in October . . . Bob Thompson reading 3-D comic books with 3-D glasses . . . WAVES riding English cycles around the compound—new equipment at Special Services, by Jove . . . Ruth Christiansen of Medical Board helping Dick Baer with his singing . . . John Parque setting pins for his favorite bowler and wife, Nellie, and friends Joan Kunkel and Tillie Krulatz . . . everywhere faces—"glued" to TV sets, watching the World Series . . . Betty Riera happily passing candy and displaying her birthday present, a diamond ring from her Alaskan friend, Lou Eslinger, HM3 . . . John S. Hood, HN, of Security escorting new WAVES to their quarters telling them all the way up the hill about the "rugged" cruise on which they are about to embark . . . CDR Frank Norris recalling how the Knoll looked in '42 and '43 when he was shipped back from Guadalcanal as a patient . . . Dewayne Lear wishing he had learned how to swim before he joined the Navy—he stepped in beyond his depth at Sutro's, and next thing he knew he was on 50A . . . friends eating farewell cake for Buddy Ryan . . . Sleepy corpsmen gratefully settling back in their bunks for another 60 winks when they remembered Sunday morning they should have set their clocks back Saturday night.

**LIFE BEGINS:** LTJG James H. Getzens and Joyce welcomed their first-born on 22 September, a 7 lb. 13 oz. girl they've named Patricia Leigh . . . Charles A. Parker, HM2, of EST School and wife, Francis, are also receiving congratulations on their first, a daughter Terry Jean, who weighed in at 7 lbs. 7 oz. . . . Also of interest was the birth on 26 September of Cynthia Luana Perry, second daughter of Carl Leon and Marguerite F. Perry of Stanford Village. The baby's mother was crew's librarian several years ago. Her dad was a patient detailed to Special Services.

**PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:** That's newcomer Bill Cripps of 76B shooting in the 70's on the Lake Chabot golf course these week ends . . . Congratulations to Dora Nicola, HM3, who is wearing a beautiful diamond, gift of T/SGT Joe Grubbs, USMC, of Camp Pendleton . . . Chuck Hamilton of Medical Board says car-trader Dick Willis has nothing on him. Chuck came to Oak Knoll in a '36 Ford, ran it off a cliff his third day here, sold it for junk, bought a '47 Ford, sold it ten days later, bought a '53 MG that he drove for eight weeks, now is in possession of a '52 Mercury . . . That "hoosegow" on the admission room porch is temporary lock-up for arriving patients' seabags . . . Chief Billy M. Clement of EST keeps EM club jumping with his soft shoe and jitterbug routines and all the whitehats really give him a big hand when he goes into his act . . . Leslie Todd of Special Services has told friends he'll wed Alida Quick, formerly of Red Cross staff here, on 22 November, the day after he becomes a civilian . . . Carolyn McClellan and Joan Smoody, HN's packed their bags and stole away to Chicago.



Eleven students graduated from the Pathology Lab School, Thursday, 24 September, in the Tumor Board Room, when CAPT B. E. Bradley, MC, USN, commanding officer handed out the certificates and CDR H. V. O'Connell, MC, USNR, Chief of Pathology Service gave the address. Standing from left to right are CDR O'Connell, Chief S. M. Sandver, Master-At-Arms and instructor; R. H. Jones, HM3; S. C. Spencer, HM3; D. J. Goddard, HM2, who left for Inyokern, California; C. H. Wortman, HM3; F. W. Finney, HM3, who left for NAS, Pearl Harbor; R. E. Roberts, HM3, to USNH, Corona, California; and honorman C. W. Wyckoff, HM3, with an average of 92.85, who left for USNH, San Diego; C. W. Green, HM3; LT W. V. Thompson, MC, USNR, instructor and pathologist. In the front from left to right are: C. W. Buhlman, HN, who left for Marine Corps Receiving Depot, San Diego; D. W. Herr, HM3, and F. W. Cannon, HMC.



The time was the Gay Nineties; the place, Bryant's Tavern, alias the Officers' Club; the people, staff officers and their ladies. The masked bandit lounging against the stage in a devil-may-care fashion, yet keeping a hand on each pistol butt just in case, is none other than LT Pete Congliss, DC, USN, who came back from Treasure Island for the party. And recognizable among the other characters who managed to be in the foreground when the staff photographer was, are LTJG and Mrs. Robert C. Doerpinghaus, CWOHC Russell H. Giles, ENS Bernadine C. Mociun, ENS Virginia Noll, Mrs. L. H. Barber and CDR Barber, and the old tavern keeper CWOHC F. H. Bryant himself. Mrs. Roger MacKinnon's hours of effort resulted in some of the most attractive decorations yet to be seen in these parts.

## SECNAV Authorizes Citation For Pusan

According to ALMAR 28, the Secretary of the Navy has approved the award of the Presidential Unit Citation to the First Provisional Marine Brigade for service at the Pusan perimeter from 7 August to 7 September 1950.

The wearing of the Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon Bar with star is authorized.

The announcement, issued by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, adds his "congratulations and highest praise to each and every one of you who participated in the action."

"Hey, look—the barometer's falling!"

"Tsk tsk—probably wasn't nailed up right."

## Finish Practical Factors Before Rate Advance

Personnel who wish to take exams for advancement in rate will complete practical factors, including written examination on Naval Leadership, before 1 December 1953.

The Educational Office, Building 25 will supply practical factor check-off sheets.



## Commend Seven Knollites At Travis

Seven Knollites, on temporary additional duty at Travis Air Force base, are among a group of men recently commended by COL W. F. DeWitt, Commanding Officer at the base.

The men were cited for "showing a marked devotion to duty, working long and arduous hours without complaint, during the period of patient evacuation from Korea of RECAP-K patients. During the Labor Day Week end," the commendation reads, "many of these men voluntarily gave up their time off to insure that the patients would be processed to their destinations as expeditiously as possible."

The local men commended were HM3's Noel A. Alander, Paul N. Leidlick, Richard J. Sullivan, Rudolph Roger, and HN's Anthony L. Martinez, Dean A. Dunbar, and John L. Swarm.

## Navy To Retelevise 'Victory at Sea' Series

"Victory at Sea," the Navy Department's televised series of programs, will again be shown in the San Francisco area over station KRON-TV each Monday evening from 1900-1930. The program enters its second week this coming Monday.

The series will consist of 26 half-hour stories about the accomplishments of the United States Navy in WWII. These 26 stories illustrate the significance of sea power in the national defense and the film is considered the finest available on WWII naval operations.



This column, Corpsmen's Corner, will appear in the OAK LEAF every week, for purposes of entertainment as well as educational for Corpsmen and Corpswaves.

Abbreviations relating to personnel: (Match the right hand column with those on the left.)

CO ( ) (1) Officer of the Day  
OOD ( ) (2) Ward Medical Officer  
WMO ( ) (3) Commanding Officer  
Sp W ( ) (4) Special Watch

Abbreviations relating to wards:  
CD ( ) (1) Central Dressing or Supply Room  
GU ( ) (2) Communicable diseases  
CDR or CSR ( ) (4) Genito-urinary  
EENT ( ) (3) Cystoscopy  
Lab ( ) (5) Eye, ear, nose and throat  
Cysto ( ) (6) Laboratory

### ANSWERS TO QUIZ

CO (3), OOD (1), WMO (2), Sp W (4), CD (2), GU (4), CDR or CSR (1), EENT (5), Lab (6), and Cysto (3).

"Is your husband a member of any secret society?"

"He thinks so, but he talks in his sleep."

## Here Comes The Bride



LeBlanc-Nickel

At 1400 Saturday Chaplain Vosseler read the vows that united Jacqueline Lois LeBlanc, HM3, and Herschel Wayne Nickel, HM3.

Jackie was given in marriage by CAPT David W. Sherwood, head of the Department of Pediatrics, where she is on duty. Helen Kuchera, HN, and Allen Scott, HM2, the groom's co-workers in the X-ray department, attended them.

Bette Peterson, HN, Chaplain's Assistant, sang two solos, "Oh Promise Me" and "Because."

Following a reception at LT Irene Vrabel's home, the bride and groom left for a week's honeymoon at Carmel.



Lundgren-Lenser

Charles Stephan Lenser, HN, USN, claimed his home town girl, Donnee Lundgren of LaCrosse, Wis., as his bride in a simple ceremony at the Oak Knoll Chapel last Saturday afternoon at 1500 with Chaplain Lawrence G. Vosseler officiating.

John Fry, HN, of Civil Readjustment, and his wife, Roberta, were the couple's only attendants, and Charles' friends from the EENT department were guests at the wedding.

The bride and groom are now at home to friends in their apartment at 89th Avenue and MacArthur, just a few minutes' drive from the hospital.

## More on Purple Hearts

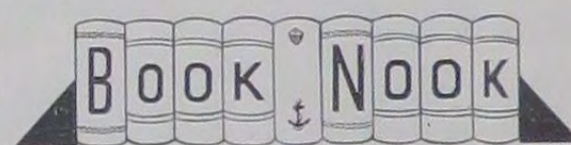
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the USS VALLEY FORGE, he participated in 10 strikes in an active combat zone over Northeast Korea. "His steadfast devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service," the citation read.

### WOUNDED AFTER TRUCE

Among the Marines decorated by the Commanding Officer was PFC Ralph Todd, 24-year-old Detroit, Mich., leatherneck, wounded four hours after the Korean truce was signed. He and three buddies were at an outpost, cut off from all communications waiting for a break. When they started back to the lines, they were intercepted by a Red patrol. They saw a flare in the sky but didn't know it meant the armistice had been signed. Todd was covering his buddies when one of the Reds threw an anti-tank grenade that hit him in his left arm and both legs, making him one of the last casualties of the Korean conflict.

Others receiving the Purple Heart were Dale W. Brown, HN, USN, of Goulds, Fla.; PVT L. B. Hart, Yakima, Wash.; CPL Robert T. Hyatt, Kimball, Nebr.; PFC William D. Nalley, Napa, Calif.; SGT Loren P. Polson, San Jose, Calif.; PFC Alfonso Rivera, Panama, C. Z.; and PFC Frank A. Scout, Porcupine, S. D.



Among the new books added to the Library shelves during September, we are happy to announce the following: DIGBY, by David Walker—What happens when a respectable tired American businessman escapes it all for a fling in the Highlands. A mad book—and an extremely funny one.

WILDERNESS PASSAGE, by Forrester Blake—A novel of the winning of the West which paints, on a large canvas the story of the Indians driven from their ancestral hunting grounds, the mountain trappers who accepted the wilderness as it stood, the Mormon settlers who brought into being their vision of a land flowing with milk and honey, and the Gentile migrants of the Oregon Trail, whose survivors made the western empire a reality.

THE RACER, By Hans Ruesch—The story of a man whose only creed was to win. He had become a racing driver to win victories and reach the top of the profession and nothing else mattered to him.

THE KENTUCKIANS, by Janice Holt Giles—A novel of the people who first straggled through Cumberland Gap and carved their farms from the primeval forest.

## 'Half-a-Chance' Begins Crusade

The Navy will have a tremendous job on its hands when it helps kick off the Bay Area United Crusade Sunday at 1800, at Basilone Theatre, Treasure Island. Five minutes before the kickoff, Navy planes will drop flares, and sirens will blow, and the end of the show searchlights will light up the sky.

The program "Half a Chance" written by Norman Kramer of KCB, who wrote the prize-winning show for last year's crusade, will be televised on three San Francisco stations KPIX, KPO, and KRON.

Lee Giroux, well-known TV star and Master of Ceremonies at last year's show, is the producer, and Chairman of the United Crusade, Adrian J. Falk.

Among the many stars to appear are Walter Pidgeon, Gordon Crae, Dorothy Warenskjold, Mary Miller, Bill Baldwin; the Mas Kahn dancer group, and the Gavin Octette. The Olympic Club and other stars will also be present.

Patients and staff are invited to this kick-off as spectators. Any with transportation problems, contact Special Services.

## Warning!! Espionage Through Personal Mail

The Public Information News recently gave a warning concerning espionage through personal mail was found not only a possibility, it is actually being carried on.

The Newsletter reads in part: "Some subversive elements have used personal correspondence for propaganda purposes, while also using it for accumulation of information which may be interpreted into intelligence of value to an enemy or potential enemy."

"You'd be amazed at what you can learn through such personal letters. Strength of units, research and development projects, state of training, ship movements, equipment, morale, plans and psychological warfare material can often be easily assembled from such mail."

"The principal dangers lie in the 'Pal' clubs, chain letters, 'round ins' and other 'Blind Correspondence.' Also letters developing from receipt of gifts from previous unknown donors whose purpose is unknown—or at best, flimsy. Acknowledgements can be made in a way that no additional information as to the individual, his unit, his family or his friends is included."

Further, "since any effort which promotes interchange of personal communications between persons previously known to each other opens the way for disclosure of military information of value to an enemy or potential enemy of the United States, official endorsement, encouragement or support of any such effort would be inimical to the Armed Forces."

"Last week a grain of sand got in my wife's eye and she had to go to the doctor. It cost me three dollars."

"That's nothing. Last week a coat got in my wife's eye and it cost me three hundred."



## Six Departments Reach 100% Mark

Six civilian departments received Minute Men Awards last Friday for 100 per cent participation in the pay-savings plan. CAPT B. E. Bradley, MC, USN, commanding officer made the presentation. LT Daryle A. Wade, MSC, USN, Chief of Finance Division, introduced him and the speaker, Charles C. Asbelle, rehabilitation specialist of the Artificial Limb Department. "Money" was the theme of his talk, which commended solicitors in the Bond Campaign for doing an outstanding job. Paraphrasing the old adage, he said that not having any money when you need it is the root of all evil."

A large crowd of civilian workers assembled in the auditorium, and representatives receiving awards for 100 per cent in their department were William Gross, solicitor for the Power Plant, with a total number of 16 employees; Fletcher Lyon for the Pipefitter's Shop with 9 employees; Mrs. Rose Cooper for Civilian Personnel, with 8 employees; Mrs. Viola Wise for Maintenance Office with 7 employees; Mrs. Hershel Rose for the Machine Shop with 7 employees; and Mrs. Tommy Dellahousee for the Directory Service, with a total of 4 employees.

A year ago the civilian employees' participation in the bond drive reached the 42.9 per cent mark. Today it is 70.1 per cent, and Oak Knoll civilian staff now ranks fourth highest of all Naval Hospitals in Bond buying.



LT Bruce Friedman

## LT Friedman Gets Appreciation Letter

LT Bruce Friedman has received a letter of appreciation from Major General R. McCall Pate, Commanding General, Headquarters, First Marine Division, for his services with a Marine medical battalion in Korea from 3 March to 15 June 1953.

"Serving as a surgeon and member of a surgical team attached to a medical company, you displayed outstanding ability and professional skill. Despite the numerous adversities encountered in the performance of your duties, you worked extremely long hours, disregarding your personal fatigue in order to perform many minor and major surgical operations which saved the lives of numerous casualties. Your conscientiousness and outstanding attention to duty contributed materially to the success achieved by the medical battalion in accomplishing its assigned mission," the commendatory letter reads.

Doctor Friedman returned to his home town of Oakland on 28 July after nine months overseas, including his fourteen weeks with "C" Co. 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Marine Division.

## Fishing Fans Attention! Cruises Being Organized

Ensign Joan White, Athletic Coordinator for the WAVES, recently attended a meeting at COM TWELVE and brought back news that fishing trips are being organized through T. I.

The boat to be used is a 60 footer and will go out through the Golden Gate every Saturday and Sunday at 0530 and return at 1630, provided enough people show up. WAVES are urged to bring their boy friends.

Any WAVE interested may either contact Miss White, Extension 310, or Ruth Quire, HM1, Chief Master at Arms, at Extension 563.

## Baby Boom at 73A Breaks Record

Old Doc Stork and his assistants in the Dependent Service are mopping their brows and looking back with satisfaction at their last month's work.

During September 307 babies arrived, breaking the previous all-time high of 296. Eighteen waiting infants put in their appearance on the 27th, and 17 more came on the 29th. Previous 24-hour record was 17.

## Here's a Message For You

(an editorial)

Beginning 12 October, just a week from Monday, you will be approached by one of your co-workers and asked to contribute to the United Fund Drive. Don't shake your head or run away, for he will be giving you an opportunity to do a service to this community where we live and to do it in the least painful way possible. He will be asking you to give your fair share to the organizations that help to insure health and happiness for you and your children and your neighbor and his children.

This goes for Oak Knoll's civilian workers, and it goes for Navy personnel. Scores of YOU live off the station, too. Your neighbors are civilians. They invite you and your wives to join their organizations. Certainly, you as a Navy family are less permanent than you would be as civilians, but you are just as certainly a part of the community. And if not now, you are not the average Navy man if you have not dreamed of coming back to the Bay Area. Besides, out of your contribution will come a substantial share for Navy Relief, your own charity.

In this drive more than 100 causes can be taken care of at one time. Now—WHERE YOU WORK. Please be ready with cash, a check, or a promise when your solicitor comes.

The community needs \$3,242,500 for health and welfare services (and this figure is based on thorough investigation of each organization by a qualified staff) in the 1200 square mile East Bay United Crusade area, and it is depending on Oak Knoll's civilian and military personnel who total approximately 2200, to raise \$12,000 of this amount.

No one is asked to give more than he can honestly afford, but in these days of the easy-come easy-go dollar, there are few of us who cannot give a day's pay to such a worthy group of beneficiaries.

## Fire Prevention Week Begins Monday

This week, beginning Monday, 4 October, has been declared annual Fire Prevention Week. It has been brought to the attention of civilians and Navy personnel by posters on the wards, in offices, and all around the compound.

A poster distributed by the National Councils states, "One dollar will buy 10,000 matches and one match will destroy \$1,000,000." Its friend, the cigarette, causes one-third of all the fires.

Carelessness in smoking habits caused 10 of the 38 fires that were reported at this hospital during the past year. But the firemen were on

the job, and those 38 fires caused a total loss of only \$150.

The Fire Department, headed by Chief James O. Raser, civilian, consists of 32 men, each specially trained in a fire control school.

"I understand your wife is quite ill."

"Yes, she had a slight cold; tried to cure herself by reading a daily health hint and is suffering from a typographical error."

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"How's your insomnia?"

"Worse and worse. I can't even sleep when it's time to get up."

## Staff Personalities

The nurse working AM's on Ward 46B, Metabolic Research, LTJG Vada M. Newell, NC, USNR, has worked on SOQ, and was a patient for eight months before resuming her duties.

Commissioned in February 1951, Miss Newell had a year's tour of duty at Great Lakes, before coming to Oak Knoll. A native of Stafford, Kansas, she graduated from Kansas State College and the University of Kansas Medical Center, where she later worked as a Pediatric Supervisor for a year. Her interests include baseball and football especially, but she also enjoys horseback riding. Current events are her main line of reading.



In February 1952 Bill Thompson, HM3, was packing his bags in his home town of New Orleans and heading north to Great Lakes to start his career in the Navy, putting aside

his jaunty salesman's clothes and donning the garb of a sailor. All went well, and a year ago this month Bill entered the portals of Oak Knoll. He has since been assigned to Ward 66A and 69A, to Property and Accounting, and at the present he is serving as manager of the Officer's Club. His wife, Mildred, is here with him, and in Bill's off-duty hours they like to see the sights of the Bay Area.



## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 4 October

BACK TO GOD'S COUNTRY — Steve Cochran and Rock Hudson, DRAMA. Rating: Good. Here is a first-nighter for the Oak Knoll moviegoers, but there is no information listed in the files.

Monday, 5 October

CASANOVA BROWN — Gary Cooper and Teresa Wright, COMEDY. Rating: Good. This is one of those second-glance flickers and with Mr. Cooper playing the lead you can be assured of a good picture.

Tuesday, 6 October

THE TREASURE OF THE GOLDEN CONDOR — Cornel Wilde, Constance Smith, and Anne Bancroft, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. This is a story filled with adventure, fisticuffs, and a treasure hunt in Guatemala, all in technicolor. Cornel Wilde gets all this plus a beautiful woman.

Wednesday, 7 October

ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT — Lew Ayres and Slim Summerville, DRAMA. Rating: Fair. The only information listed in the files is that Eric Remarque wrote it and it is an oldie that other Knollites before you have enjoyed.

Thursday, 8 October

ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD — Paul Douglas, Janet Leigh, and Keenan Wynn, SPORTS COMEDY. Rating: Good. This is a story about a hard-boiled baseball manager who softens his character after meeting with two ball-game-going nuns.

Friday, 9 October

THE BEAST FROM 20,000 FATHOMS — Paul Christian and Paula Raymond, SCIENCE DRAMA. Rating: Very good. Here is a story that will keep you on the edge of your seats. A beast from the sea comes to New York. The CREATURE is several stories high, possesses a snake-like tongue, and has tremendous strength. This film will give the viewers eighty minutes of fear, horror, and excitement.

Saturday, 10 October

IT'S A PLEASURE — Sonja Henie and Michael O'Shea, DRAMA. Rating: Good. A movie filmed almost all on ice. Since it bills Sonja Henie, the queen of the ice, need more be said?





# Knollites Capture 'B' Championship

With Jim Tinsley back at the wheel as team captain, his first game since August, the Oak Knoll golf squad rolled over District Communications Thursday, 24 September by a score of 24-2½, as the Knollites became undisputed champions of the Class "B" League.

The game was played on the Alameda golf course and counted for two matches that were cancelled by the opponents during the regular season.

Other players in the meet were CAPT R. S. Poos, CDR D. W. Boone, LT B. H. Flowe, and Chief L. Johnson.

The team captain, Jim Tinsley, has been invited to the Los Angeles Open Tournament but has rejected the offer.

This contest closed the season for the Oak Knoll golf team.

# Sports Gear Available

Salt and fresh water fishing gear, shotguns, tennis, and badminton racquets, may be checked out at the bowling alley, during working hours. They may be checked out for a period of 24 hours or from FRIDAY evening to MONDAY morning for the week end. Various other athletic equipment is also at your disposal.

# Bowling Session Wed.

With the bowling season ready to start next month a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 7 October at 1200 in the bowling alley to discuss plans for an Interhospital League.

For any additional information please contact Chief Johnson at Special Services. Everyone is invited.

# Hilltoppers Wax Sea Frontier Six 40-0

After a false start in the football league, the newly-dubbed Hilltoppers of Oak Knoll tromped Western Sea Frontier 40-0 23 September in their first league football game of the season on the locals' home field.

Quarterback, Will Fry, started the Hilltoppers rolling on their way to their first touchdown with a passing attack. He set up the TD with a combination of aeriels to ends Fred Guith and Al Morrow. Four yards from the goal line, Chuck Leonard took a hand-off from Fry and sprinted around end for the first of six touchdowns scored in the game.

The defense started clicking when Mike Napoli, right half, intercepted a pass after it was partly blocked by center, Bill Snook, and ran fifty yards for the locals' second touchdown. This was the last TD the Oak Knoll football team made in the first half, and that made the score 12-0.

After playing a poor first half, the Hilltoppers started to step up their offensive attack, scoring each time they had the ball. Fry, returning as quarterback, renewed the passing attack. A series of Fry-Guith passes and a long pass for thirty yards scored the locals' third TD. The pass conversion, Fry-Lanoo, scored the extra point and made the score 19-0.

Leonard took over at quarterback and started the Oak Knoll club on another touchdown march. On the ten-yard line Leonard shot a pass to Napoli, off the defensive squad in the end zone for another touchdown. Leonard then heaved a conversion pass to Guith, making the score 26-0. The next touchdown was scored via a seventy-yard run by Leonard, with fine blocking by Don Lanoo who came off the defensive team. The extra point was made by Fry-Guith. This was the second extra point made by Guith, who played well throughout the game. The locals were now ahead by a score of 33-0.

The defensive team sparkled again, when handy-man Ken Goodwin intercepted a pass and raced sixty-five yards for the Hilltoppers last TD of the game. The entire defensive team aided Goodwin's run with fine blocking. Jack Young, the third change in quarterbacks, flipped a pass to Dick Baer in the end zone for the point after the touchdown. The final score of the game was 40-0.

Dick Baer was appointed team captain for the game.

Again, the Hilltoppers' defensive team was outstanding. It was headed by Joe Calloway, Maynard Frank, and Bill Snook. The offensive center of the locals, Jerry Seely, was the game's outstanding player.

The Hilltoppers played NAS Oakland 30 September on the locals' home grounds and the OAK LEAF will carry the details next week.

Professor—"Hawkins, what is a synonym?"

Student—"It's a word you use in place of another when you cannot spell the other one."



In the fourth inning Clark (above) swings at a "bad ball." On the next pitch he slashed a single to left field and scored the only run for the locals on Bujanda's one-bagger. Oak Knoll lost the game 2-1 in extra innings.

# Championship Hopes Slim as Softball Team Drops Extra-Inning Contest

The Oak Knoll Softball Team's championship hopes suffered a severe setback on Thursday, when they dropped a tight extra-inning ball game by a score of 2 to 1. A victory would have given the Knollites undisputed possession of first place in the Oakland Recreation Department League. They are now one full game out of first place with two more games remaining to be played.

The team's hitting attack just never got started and only some superlative pitching by Vic Irving kept the team in the ball game past the regulation seven innings. Time and again the Knollites put men in scoring position, but they never could come up with the clutch hit that would have meant the difference.

It looked as if the base team would make a runaway of the contest in the early innings. Graves walked to open up the ball game with two down, Lanoo was safe on an error, but the attack fizzled when Clark fanned. Nine Knollites went down swinging during the course of the ball game. In the third inning, Graves walked, with two down and Leonard was safe on an error, but Irving popped up to end that threat.

Oak Knoll finally punched over a run in the fourth. Clark singled and went to second on Weber's bouncer to short. With two out, Bujanda smacked a single down the right field line to score Clark with what proved to be the Knollites' only run of the game. For a while it seemed as if that run might be all Irving needed to notch the victory. He had retired fifteen of the first sixteen batters to face him and had struck out six of those fifteen.

The spell was broken when the first man to face him in the sixth inning drove one well over Napoli's head in left field for a home run; and three innings later Irving was nicked for the run that ended the ball game.

There was a lot of excitement crammed into those last three innings as both teams fought desperately to pull the game out of the fire. In the last of the seventh, Irving walked three straight batters to load the bases but with the pressure on, Irving struck out the next two men to retire the side.

The Knollites almost won it in the eighth. Cohen led off the inning with a single and went to third when Lemmin's attempted sacrifice went straight up in the air and the third baseman's throw to first went wildly into right field. However, the threat

died when Graves laid down a surprise bunt that also surprised Cohen and he was cut down at the plate. That finished the Knollites for the evening.

	AB	R	H	RBI	A	O	P
Graves, 3b	2	0	0	0	2	1	
Leonard, scf	4	0	0	0	0	1	
Irving, p	4	0	1	0	4	0	
Lanoo, 1b	4	0	0	0	0	7	
Clark, c	4	1	1	0	0	9	
Weber, ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Bujanda, cf	3	0	1	1	0	3	
Napoli, lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Cohen, 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	
Pachy, rf	2	0	1	0	0	1	
Lemmin, rf	1	0	0	0	0	2	
Totals	33	1	5	1	7	24	

# Women in Pistol Tilt 1st in District History

The 1953 12ND Pistol Shoot, for credits toward the Commandant's Trophy Competition was held at the new pistol range at Naval Air Station, Alameda, Thursday, with Oak Knoll entering a women's team, the first in district history.

The men's pistol team which started firing at 1000 boasted V. Arguelles HMC, as the highest scorer of the team when he shot 188 points out of a possible 300.

L. I. Johnson, HMC, came in next with a score of 168, followed by LTJG R. G. DeWitt, MSC, with 150 points and R. M. Foster, HN, who hit a 50.

Slow firing was done at 50 yards, time and rapid firing at 25 yards.

LCDR Lila E. Suiter, MSC, led the women with a score of 92. Others participating were ENS Joan L. White SC, shooting 80; HM3 Carol Lee with a score of 89, Joan Smoody, HN added up 75, and ENS Jean Boerner NC, had to leave before completing her match.

Special Services of 12ND provided huge box lunches for the shooters.

Mail orderly at mail call: "Letter for Cdadwinski-rednoski" Voice from rear of barracks: "What initial?"

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Saturday, 10 October, 1953

## UFD All Set For The Kick-Off Monday



They jumped the gun; some give when they are asked, some when they are coaxed, and these people were so eager, they sent for theirs. They are (1) telephone operators Doris Mate, Velna Duff, at the switchboard, Margaret Grubbs, signing a pledge; and Mellie Hoff, the solicitor. (2) The same goes for solicitor Julius Morris, at the left, as LT Charles R. Thompson, Chief of Food Service Division, points out the advantages of giving once to the United Crusade to Hall W. Boyles, of civilian personnel. (3) Betty Curtis, HN, of Staff Personnel, signs a pledge for the United Crusade while Jack Kelarkis, HN, of Civil Readjustment, pays cash as solicitor Chief Maurice Smith, standing, of the Artificial Limb Department, looks on. (4) Other solicitors in advance were: leading man Henry Mosher, carpenter, in the dark shirt; Joe Willbanks, carpenter, in the front, Paul Germolis signing the pledge card, Ray Braine, holding the poster, and D. R. Britney, Maintenance Foreman.

## 15 Bay Area Men Given Positions; Employment of Handicapped Urged

"I wish you the greatest measure of success in the constructive work you are doing. As you serve the cause of the handicapped, you also serve the enduring interests of our whole nation." These words were spoken by President Eisenhower recently as he addressed those working with the physically handicapped.

"National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week" was being observed this week by the Veteran's Administration.

Here at Oak Knoll, under the guidance of Charles C. Asbelle, rehabilitation specialist of the Amputee Service, patients from all over the nation are given the confidence and self-reliance which will help them

find employment when they leave the hospital.

At every possible opportunity Mr. Asbelle speaks of the handicapped in order to promote their chances in civil employment. He actually helps Bay Area men find jobs and since 1 January of this year, fifteen of them have been given positions.

### Sea Duty, Transfers Available For HN's

Sea duty and transfers within the district can now be obtained by hospital corpsmen through the Staff Enlisted Personnel Office. These applications are to be made on district transfer requests and should specify the particular duty station desired.

## Skipper Asks All Hands' Support

*As the United Fund Drive gets under way Monday, I hope that you will all give gladly and generously.*

*Here at Oak Knoll, where our business is to heal the sick and the wounded, it is not necessary to point out the great value of the research you support by your contributions to the American Cancer Society, the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, and the Heart Association; nor do we need to emphasize the value of Navy Relief or Red Cross. They are here helping us every day. Likewise the USO was organized especially for the benefit of service personnel.*

CAPT B. E. Bradley, MC, USN  
Commanding Officer.

## Solicitors Named In All Divisions

All is in readiness for Oak Knoll's third annual United Fund Drive. The posters are posted. Receipt books and pledge cards are ready to be signed. Solicitors are ready to solicit, and everyone on the compound in and out of uniform will have an opportunity to give or pledge during the coming week.

The hospital goal has been set at \$12,000, with tentative plans to give \$3,000 of this amount to Navy Relief. The entire civilian contribution will go to the Eastbay United Crusade's health and welfare organizations, while the military contribution is to be split between the Crusade and Navy Relief.

The UFD Board of Governors is asking that members of the staff consider one day's pay their fair share, and it is hoped that every department in the hospital will participate 100 per cent, as those pictured elsewhere on this page have already done. Patients will have an opportunity to give but will not be actively canvassed.

Here are your solicitors. Be ready to dig deep in your pocket when they call.

**Civilian Personnel:** H. W. Boyles and D. R. Britney, chairmen; Esther Arp, Bessie Howard, Marie Johnson, Bessie Stowers, Lela Mattos, Clois Forrester, Lloyd Marshal, Bernadette Malerich, Clair Griffith, Mellie Hoff, Frances LeCocq, Suzanne Luttrell, George Garner, Bernard Garcia, Gus Matalas, Joseph Bokuvka, Henry Pendleton, Ray Braine, Roy Roundtree, Gladys Shoales, Walter Robinson, Lottie Raines, Hodge Britton, Pinkie Orr, Theresa Buggs, Marie Fulton, Daniel Ross, Mary Fomera, and Cora Wright.

**Medical Officers:** LCDR C. B. Knight, Chairman; CDR Frank T. Norris, LTJG John S. Spratt, LTJG David W. Eskelson, CDR L. R. Riddle, CDR George M. Lynch and LTJG Larry B. Stanley.

**Nurse Corps Officers:** LCDR M. M. Warner, LT Phyllis Hanwell, Chairmen; LT M. M. Cheek, LT E. S. Gillette, LT B. J. Coady, ENS V. R. Hultin, LTJG V. M. Newell, ENS V. A. Sorby, ENS M. L. Goller, LTJG A. M. Sheridan, LT L. P. Miller.

**Other Officer Personnel:** LTJG R. G. DeWitt.

**Red Cross:** Evelyn Pedigo.  
**Navy Exchange:** Louise Kinner.

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# The Oak Leaf

U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.

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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE

"Say it with Flowers" is an expression we are quite used to. Besides being an excellent ad for the florist trade, it serves as a pretty important guide to those who are in love.

Love has to be generous. A person genuinely in love must experience at least a periodical urge to please the beloved by an act that is completely gracious—a gesture that doesn't have to be too practical or necessary but it is generous and thoughtful. Such impulses are indeed part of the language of love.

When a husband presents his wife with a thoroughly unlooked for floral tribute, she just about flies to cloud eight. But unless her husband's love blooms out with a dozen American beauties or something quite as prodigal from time to time, his devotion has likely shrunk to a merely dry and dutiful attention. Love is more than routine devotion.

Most people will agree that this is true about human love. But when it comes to man's love for God, they are apt to become stuffy, or even confused.

"Do you mean that people love God as they would another person?" they will ask.

What they mean is that God is, well . . . He is God. You worship Him. You say prayers to Him. But it is all rather solemn. You even love Him, but in a remote and dutiful way, sort of like you would regard the Golden Rule. You can well imagine that our dutifulness to Him would resolve itself therefore to something dry and unfruitful.

Love of God has, of course, a more solid fabric than that suggested by merely "saying it with flowers." Love exists when two wills are united. "I want what you, my beloved, want"—this is love's elemental simplicity. Our Lord said simply, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." That is man's generous and gracious part, and his way of "saying it with flowers" to God. That is his spiritual language of Love.

LCDR Edmund J. Ford  
Catholic Chaplain

## "Shrinking Dollars" Can Save Money

Year after year, Americans have been buying Savings Bonds. They are buying them because they like the Payroll Savings Plan method of saving money. They say it is better to save some money than no money whatsoever. They say they have to force themselves to save. And more of them are signing up all the time, come inflation or high water. They like a savings plan geared for their needs. They like it automatic, like milk and newspaper delivery. If you haven't jumped on the Payroll Savings bandwagon to buy U.S. Defense Bonds, now is the time to begin—and buy more and more! Bonds are better than ever now.

## MSC of BuMed Gets New Chief

CDR Harry F. McCullah, MSC, USN, succeeded CDR Daniel J. O'Brien, MSC, USN, as head of the Medical Service Corps Branch, Personnel Division of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery on 1 September, when CDR O'Brien reached retirement age and was placed in the retired list.

CDR McCullah was previously serving as Executive Assistant to RADM John Q. Owsley, MC, USN, Assistant Chief for Personnel and Professional Operations of the Bureau. LCDR C. F. Johnson, MSC, USN, is now in that billet.

Buy U.S. Defense Bonds today,  
For tomorrow they will pay.

A total of 20 Medals of Honor were awarded by the Navy during the WWII.

## Thank You Letter

Oakland 6, 1953

Captain B. E. Bradley MC-USN

Commanding Officer

U. S. Naval Hospital

Oakland 14, California

Dear Captain Bradley:

The Contra Costa Dental Society wishes to compliment those members of your dental staff that presented the clinic at our last meeting.

Captain Van Zile did a commendable piece of original research and we of the society appreciate his lecture and clinical discussion of the newer aspects of root canal therapy. We are proud that men in the service are devoting time to research and to the advancement of dental science.

Again, may I compliment your dental staff.

Sincerely,

Glenn W. Foor, D.D.S.

Secretary-Treasurer

Contra Costa Dental Society



Helen Snelbaker, HM3, from Surgery 2 became the wife of George L. Storey, HM3, former Knollite, now a fleet marine at Camp Pendleton, at 1300, Saturday, 3 October. The new Mrs. Storey wore a white ballerina length gown, with a white satin slip, nylon net and tiers of white lace over the gown; she also wore a fingertip veil. Married by LCDR Lawrence G. Vosseler, Protestant Chaplain, the couple was attended by Gene Henry, HM2, his wife Phyllis Henry, and Joseph Giordano, HM3, all of Surgery 2. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Paul Snelbaker, York, Pennsylvania, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. George L. Storey, Tacoma, Washington.

## Five More Days; Contest Will Close

There are only five more days until the letter contest, "What America Means to Me" closes. If you are sharp you may win the \$1,000 principal prize.

All you have to do is write a 500-word letter or less. Soundness of ideas is the basis on which this contest will be judged and not editorial style.

Letters are to be sent to the Awards Editor, Armed Forces Radio Service, Los Angeles 38, California, before midnight, Thursday 15, October.

## More About UFD

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Patients: LCDR R. E. Jenkins.

Enlisted Personnel: Chairmen, LTJG H. E. Daniel and HMC M. W. Smith; E. F. Pon, DKS; M. D. Farris, DN; S. B. Jaffe, A/3c; S. M. Sandver, HMC; H. Scott, E. L. Fox, HM1's; E. C. Henry, W. Van Blaricom, HM2's; D. C. Nicola (W), P. A. Zimmerman (W), B. E. Beard, R. C. Farmer, M. Napoli, H. E. Carr, R. H. Duffie, C. A. Haynes, HM3's; J. N. Kelarkis, F. Van Walbeck, R. S. George, M. E. Lynch, E. Sisneros, R. W. Newman, E. L. Bishop, W. A. Ward, R. Beck, T. L. McClintock, D. Schultz, R. A. Brown, S. Mylek, G. D. Vogele, HN's.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### KICKOFF TIME!

Just a reminder to you pro football fans that the 49ers will be having four more home games. The next one, against the Detroit Lions, won't be until Sunday, October 25, as the team will be on tour until then. The Red Cross will provide tickets to these games and transportation will be provided by the Navy. If you men are interested in this pigskin parade contact the Red Cross worker on your ward.

### NEW GRAY LADIES ARRIVE

The new Red Cross Gray Lady training course at Oak Knoll began last Monday, 5 October, and will continue for a period of two weeks, ending on 16 October. These volunteers from adjacent communities will provide service to patients in many fields of interest. They will join with other trained volunteers (who, we feel, are the finest in the world!) to help with personal services, recreation, crafts instruction, and duty in the Lounge. Many hours are donated by these ladies in order to make your stay at Oak Knoll a bit happier.

### 88 KEYS

Now's the chance for you bop, jazz, boogie and classical fans to get in the competition. Our Gray Lady Mrs. Meadows, is offering piano lessons on Tuesday afternoons to all those patients who are interested in a brighter and more interesting future. Please contact your Red Cross worker in order to learn more about this fascinating instruction that's real fun.

LET'S DANCE WITH THE NEW HOSTESSES AT THE RED CROSS LOUNGE TUESDAY AND THURSDAY NITES!

### CRAFTS ON WARDS

The craft program is not just confined to the Red Cross Craft Shop but may be utilized by the patients unable to leave their wards. Our Gray Ladies will be glad to elaborate further on what crafts are available to bed patients. Watch for one on your ward, or tell any Red Cross worker in order to learn more about crafts. And don't forget, CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900

Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday

HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015





Chief James Raser, head of the Fire Department, has stressed the point of carelessness in respect to fire hazards which cause fires like this. This week is Fire Prevention Week and the members (1) of the Oak Knoll Fire Department, from left to right, Raymond Boight, Anthony Biada, Theodore Newcomb, Dale McCartney, George Swanson, and George Garner, demonstrated some safety precautions in fire fighting as their fire truck was parked in front of the Administration Building. (2) Sunday's fire which began at 1100 above Golf Links Road and the Knowland State Park is an example of what carelessness can do. In the background, Oak Knoll can be seen beyond the flames and smoke. (3) Here is another view of the fire which lasted about four and a half hours and was finally put out by the Oakland and Oak Knoll fire departments. George Swanson, who is spraying the flames, burned his hands when he fell into a hot bed of brush embers. (4) Raymond Boight, one of the hospital's firemen holds pamphlets in his hand which were distributed this week



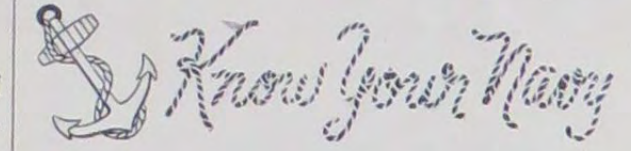
to aid in fire prevention. Knollites are urged to watch their cigarettes and matches. Don't let carelessness bring disaster; remember "one ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure."

# Only Ten Months Until Deadline For Training Under Bill

The deadline for starting training under the GI Bill is ten months away for nearly 1,000,000 Korean veterans, who served since Korea, were discharged or separated before 20 August 1952, and have not yet taken advantage of the GI training benefit. Under the law, they actually must enroll in and begin GI training by 1 August 1954, in order to continue afterwards. VA emphasized that the 1954 cut-off date applies only to post-Korean veterans who left service before 20 August 1952. Those separated after that date need not concern themselves with the 1954 deadline. Instead, they have two years from the time they left the armed forces in which to get started. As long as a veteran started before the deadline, there will be no objection if he's not actually in training on the cut-off date because of the normal summer vacation, or for other reasons beyond his control, or for circumstances that VA deems to be excusable. In fact, he even has the right to suspend his GI training for as long as a year—with part of the suspension

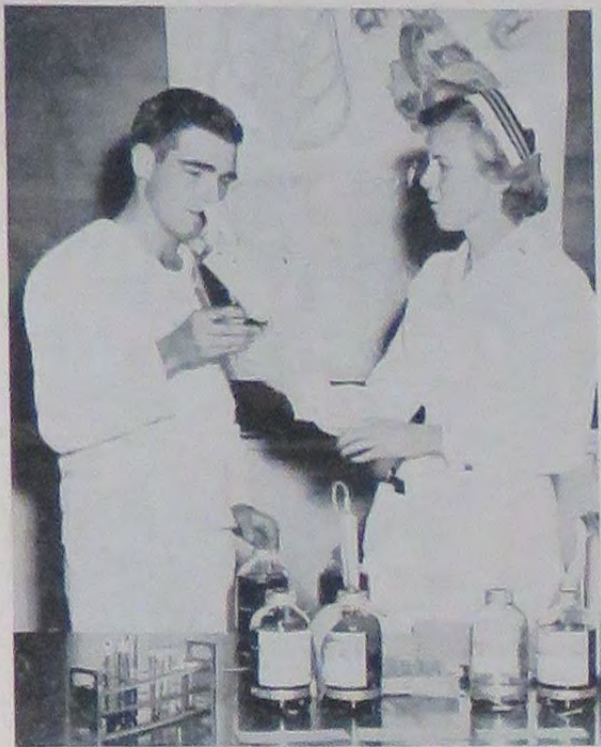
coming after the cut-off date—and still be permitted to resume training afterwards. If he does so, VA will consider that his failure to be in training on the deadline date was for an "excusable reason." The veteran won't be required to account to VA for his absence. But if the suspension lasts for more than a year, the veteran will have to show VA that the absence in excess of 12 months was caused by conditions beyond his control. In this case, he must have VA's approval before he may go on with his Korean GI Bill studies. VA said that these cut-off-date rules and regulations apply only to veterans training under the Korean GI Bill. They have nothing at all to do with those in training under the World War II Bill. To be eligible for Korean GI training, a veteran must meet all three of these requirements: He must have a separation granted under conditions other than dishonorable; he must have been on active duty any place in the world—not necessarily in Korea—after 27 June 1950, the date of the outbreak of Korean hostilities; and

he must have had at least 90 days of active service, unless he was discharged sooner because of a service-connected disability. The Korean GI Bill operates as a one-payment program. For each month of training, the veteran receives a single GI allowance check from VA. With the help of his check, he is expected to meet all his own expenses of training—tuition, fees, books, supplies and the like. Navy Adds New Type Truck to Fire Department A miniature fire truck, nicknamed "Ranger," is being added to the standard fire fighting equipment used by naval bases and air stations. The new vehicle, capable of negotiating rough terrain to fight forest and brush fires, can pump 500 gallons of water a minute at a pressure of 120 pounds per square inch. Its booster tank carries 150 gallons. Expected to prove more maneuverable in fighting fires at close quarters, the Ranger will be tried out as a replacement at bases where buildings are widely separated. (AFPS)



Here are some interesting first events of the History of the Navy. The Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery of the Navy was organized in 1842 by Dr. W. P. C. Barton. He was the first chief and was the senior surgeon of the Navy at the time of his death. The Nurse Corps (female) was authorized by an Act of Congress in 1908. The Dental Corps was established in 1912. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy to hold divine services for Navy personnel. The day was Easter Sunday, 1 April, 1934, in the absence of the chaplain, on the USS ELLIS. Hospital ships were not to be had until the year 1898, and the first official hospital ship was the old USS SOLACE. In 1898 the first battleship, the USS MAINE, was launched but the same year it was destroyed in an explosion in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Of the crew of 354, only 16 escaped death or injury.





Ronald Nobles, HA, corpsman on 69A receives a bottle of blood from LT Dorothy R. Shaffer, NC, USN, Blood Bank Nurse, who demonstrated proper procedure of transferring blood to the wards from the blood bank. Triple check of blood type, "Know How" in filling out Blood Transfusion chits, differences between pure and contaminated blood, early application of blood chits for facility of emergency surgery, proper refrigeration of blood, proper identification of patients, were important points stressed in lectures at the Educational Services Building.

## Officers' Wives Club Holds Tea, Meeting

The Officers' Wives Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Officers' Club on Wednesday 14 October. The members will meet at noon for a social half-hour, and then the luncheon will be served at 1230.

Hostesses for the October meeting will be the wives of the chaplains in the Chaplains Division and of the doctors in the Out Patient Department. Mrs. Edward Knowles is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Harold LeMay, Mrs. Lawrence Vosseler, Mrs. David Sherwood, Mrs. Roland Christensen, Mrs. Robert Baker, Mrs. Benjamin Burns, Mrs. Robert Lemmon, Mrs. David Beer, Mrs. James Sylvester, Mrs. Erich Hakanson, Mrs. Adrian Recinos, and Mrs. Lindsay Riddle.



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## BOOK NOOK

Popular new fiction now in the Library, Bldg. 39, includes the following:

**THE DEVIL'S LAUGHTER**, by Frank Yerby. A novel of the French Revolution.

**HORNBLOWER AND THE ATROPPOS**, by C. S. Forester. A sea story falling in time between **LIEUTENANT HORNBLOWER** and **CAPTAIN HORNBLOWER**.

**THE SANDS OF KARAKORUM**, by James Ramsey Ullman. A correspondent's quest in Red China.

**STORM HAVEN**, by Frank G. Slaughter. A novel about the Florida cattle drive during the Civil War.

**THE THIRD ANGEL**, by Jerome Weidman. An absorbing story of a controversy over an admiral's memorial.

### Humor

**BEST CARTOONS OF THE YEAR, 1953**; edited by Lawrence Lariar.

**THE BEST OF H. T. WEBSTER.**

**THE NIGHT THE OLD NOSTALGIA BURNED DOWN**, by Frank Sullivan.

### Adventure and Travel

**THE BOAT**, by Walter Gibson. A true account of a shipwreck, following the torpedoing of a Dutch ship in 1942.

**COWHAND: THE TRUE STORY OF A WORKING COWBOY**, by Fred Gipson.

**THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS**, by Charles A. Lindbergh. A full account of the first transatlantic solo flight in 1927.

**THE STORY OF EVEREST**, by W. H. Murray. A description of all climbs and expeditions from 1921 to 1953.

**CALIFORNIA AS A PLACE TO LIVE**, by J. A. Crow. Attractively presented information about climate, opportunities, and advantages to be found in California.

### Sports and Hobbies

**AUTO RACING, OLD AND NEW**, by Herbert Lozier.

**MODERN TRACK AND FIELD**, by J. K. Doherty.

**SCOTT'S STANDARD POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE, 1954.**

**SPORTS CAR ALBUM**, by J. W. Freeman.

**12 LESSONS TO BETTER GOLF**, by Jim Turnesa.

### Business

**HOW TO SELL YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS**, by Charles B. Roth.

**MONEY-MAKING IDEAS.**

### Self-Help

**LIVING WITH A DISABILITY**, by Howard A. Rusk, and others.

**20 DAYS TO BETTER SPELLING**, by Norman Lewis.

## Medical Casualties Listed

A revised compilation of killed, wounded, and decorated personnel of the Navy Medical Department in WWII is now being distributed. It will be received by Naval medical facilities and medical libraries for reference purposes. The booklet lists 1,149 persons killed in action and 3,117 wounded. (AFPS.)

Buy bonds for the security of our nation.

Buy bonds to bind our nation.



Reservist, LT John T. Craighead decided that the Navy is a good life. Here he is shown swearing into the regular Navy while Captain Bradley holds the Bible.

## Reservist, LT Craighead Sworn Into Regular Navy After USNR Tour Ends

Reservist LT John T. Craighead, MC, resident of 61A, was sworn into the regular Navy by CAPT B. E. Bradley, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, on Wednesday, 30 September.

Dr. Craighead started his Navy career as an enlisted man when he quit school at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, and joined in March 1943, taking recruit training at the Naval Training Station, Farragut, Idaho. Working his way up to PhM3c, equivalent to our present HM3, he took his V-12 Training Course at the University of Colorado and graduated

from Cornell University Medical School, 15 June 1949.

After his first year of residency at Bellevue Hospital, New York, he requested active duty 1 November 1950 and spent two months at USNH, Albany, and seven months at the Marine Recruiting Depot, New York City. From April 1952 to November 1952, as a member of FMF, he was on active duty in Korea. Since then, Dr. Craighead has been at Oak Knoll.

He lives in Oakland with his wife, the former Mary Fulton of Wilton, Connecticut, and their two-year-old son, John T. Jr.



Oak Knoll is waging a battle against the ants that are invading the wards and offices on the compound. Hospital Corpsman Joe Kramer, HN, an insect exterminator from EST is pictured here with his spray gun trying to control the ants' march. He was called to Ward 67A&B Tuesday afternoon to stop the ants from taking over the building.





Corpswave June T. McDonald, HN, was presented with a commendation on 30 September, by CAPT B. E. Bradley, MC, USN, Commanding Officer.

The commendation read in part: "While assigned to duty in the pack room of the obstetrical department of this hospital, you have assumed responsibility for preparation of supplies required for the labor and delivery rooms, normal and premature nurseries, as well as assuming the additional responsibility of maintaining and caring for all equipment necessary for use in this department. Your sense of responsibility, accuracy, and quality of work is considered above that which is normally expected of your rate and experience, and has contributed materially to the smooth functioning of the entire obstetrical department."

The Easton, Pennsylvanian arrived at Oak Knoll on 18 January 1953 after going through recruit training at Bainbridge, Maryland, and HCS at San Diego.

## Oak Knoll Facts

**DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .**  
Approximately 900 telephone calls are made per hour on the hospital compound? These calls are made on 59 Main Telephones and their extensions.

Between 3 January, 1953, and 27 June, 1953, there have been approximately 400 changes in the military staff at the hospital?

That the pool which so many enjoy during their stay at Oak Knoll was dedicated in 1944 by band leader Ray Kyser?

## 3 Questions Answered About Korean GI Bill

There have been several questions in the minds of those wishing to use the Korean GI Bill. This week, the Veteran's Administration released a notice clarifying some of these points.

Under the Korean GI Bill, concurrent enrollment and attendance at two schools is permitted, but monthly certifications of training from each of the schools attended is required.

Those interested in acquiring part-time jobs in order to supplement the monthly GI allowance can do so without restrictions.

GI allowance for the Korean GI Bill will be discontinued as of the last date of attendance in school.

## Scuttlebutt

**PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS:**  
Dick Willis bought another car, 1949 Ford . . . Dr. Robert Baker of OPD-GYN returned from a week's deer hunting trip: Result, no deer . . . Betty Przybylko is the new ace on the shuffleboard at the EM Club . . . Bob Handley packed his bags, said many fond farewells to Betty Curtis and took off to New York . . . Bill Kissinger's haircut is just starting to grow out . . . Phyllis "George" McElish wondering why business in Physio Therapy is picking up since the WAVE bowling tryouts started, with EN Joan White being first in line . . . "Chief" Pachy has taken to raising ducks. They are now three weeks old and would like different chow . . . Joyce M. Brenner, HN, went home for leave and stopped in Winchester, Virginia, where she changed her name to Mrs. Russel J. Berrien. Russel is an inspector of General Electric . . . That wasn't a man from Mars that you saw around 67A; it was Joe Krammer and Al Friedman waging a battle against the ants . . . Rick Parkhurst is a patient on Ward 62A and in his spare time writes small skits on the theme of Dragnet . . . Don Poole, the Chaplain's Assistant's baby, will be baptized this coming Sunday . . . Eleanor Nunziato proving she is a good sailor by helping the crew at the OOD's office lower the flag during her duty . . . Thomas Dewey Crisp, HN, has returned from his twenty-day leave which took him to Florida . . . Five army doctors were acquired by the Navy this week with another one to come. (See OAK LEAF next week for the story.) . . . O. L. Liles, Oak Knoll Athletic Director, will be discharged from the service next week. His plans are to return to college. Best of luck, Liles . . . It seems that Artie Fuson's supply of baby food is running low; some WAVES in 127 need it to exist . . . HUMMMM.

**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER** for Marvin P. Williams, N.P. Student on ward 55 who married Myrtle F. Lawrence, a Registered Nurse at Highland Hospital, on 2 October 1953. Time 1900 at the chapel. LCDR Lawrence Vosseler officiated. The newly married couple will spend their first days as man and wife in Yosemite National Park . . . Fran Weidner of N.P. Clerical pool and her husband, Bill of the Annual Physical Sections have really been working up a storm in order to make their brand new home have that "lived in" look. Great progress is being made . . . LCDR Shurtleff, Chief Personnel and Records Office, is wondering where his desk will be next as the women in his office rearrange it PRN . . . Strange things are happening, and if you don't believe us, check with Sally Horton nad her cleaning assignments for field day.



Give Once The United Way.



The members of the softball team proudly display the team jackets they earned when they won the class "B" championship of the 12ND. Kneeling in the front row are: Bill Lemon, Bill Cooper, Chuck Leonard, and Jack Young. In the back row are: John Weber, Jim Poole, Don Lanoo, Mike Napoli, Don Clark and Bob Liles. CAPT B. E. Bradley, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, made the presentation.

## More Lectures For Medical Officers

Basic Science Lectures scheduled for Medical Officers under instruction during the coming six weeks are as follows:

- 13 October . . . Embryological Development of the Heart and Its Importance in Congenital Cardiac Defects—with 16 millimeter sound movies—Dr. Emile Holman—7:30 p.m. at Officers' Club
- 20 October . . . Experimental Effects on the Liver of Portacaval Shunts—Dr. Roy B. Cohn—7:30 p.m. at Tumor Board Conference Room
- 27 October . . . Recent Advances in

- Virus and Rickettsial Diseases—Dr. Edwin H. Lennette—7:30 p.m. at Tumor Board Conference Room
- 3 November . . . Physiology of the Adrenal Cortex—Dr. Peter H. Forsham—7:30 p.m. at Tumor Board Conference Room
- 10 November . . . Physiology of the Thyroid Gland—Dr. Peter H. Forsham—7:30 p.m. at Tumor Board Conference Room
- 17 November . . . The Medical and Public Interests in Epidemiology—Dr. J. C. Geiger—7:30 p.m. at Officers' Club

## Staff Personalities

These two should get along well since they are both interested in two subjects closely related. The only difference is in the kind of interest they have for the aforesaid.

The last man to let you down both in business and in friendship, is Lavon "Digger" Solomon, HN, an apprentice mortician from Bristow, Oklahoma. Digger started his Navy life in July, 1952, and was sent to Great Lakes for recruit and corps school training. In May of this year,

Digger entered the gates of Oak Knoll and was promptly assigned to SOQ Ward 66A. While at this assignment he was made senior corpsman; then he was transferred to EENT. Right now the only thing that he is planning on is his discharge in March, then Digger will return to his trade—mortician.



A WAVE who has a "phobia" for Indian Cemeteries, since there is one near her home, is Eleanor Di Ioli, HA, formerly of OPD, now working in Pediatrics 72B. Eleanor's home is at the edge of an Apache Reservation in Globe, Arizona. She "joined up" 4 November 1952 and after re-

cruit training at Bainbridge, Maryland, HCS at Great Lakes, Illinois, she arrived at Oak Knoll on 27 June 1953. Camping, walking, reading Edgar Allen Poe, eating chocolate ice cream are favorite pastimes of the Arizonian. She also enjoys watching football games and rodeos besides playing center in basketball. She tentatively plans on earning a BS degree.





### Bowling Season Just Around the Corner

The rolling of bowling balls and the sound of falling pins showed that the Oak Knoll bowling team was ready to start their season this week and maybe bring a championship to Oak Knoll.

Of the seven berths on the team, six are filled. The captain of the team will be elected by the players once the season is underway.

The bowling team will play each team in the league once, then the top four teams will play each other twice to determine a champion in a Round Robin Tournament. By this method, Class "A" and "B" Leagues will be eliminated, and both leagues will be combined into one.

### Forty Patients Invited To Game By Bears

When the Golden Bears of Berkeley meet San Jose State in the U.C. Stadium Saturday 17 October, forty patients will be on hand for the kick-off. This will be the third game of the season at home, with only three more games left in the home series to which patients are invited.

Tickets are available at Special Services on a first-come, first-served basis, and transportation to and from the games will be provided.

Other home games on the Bears' schedule are as follows:

- 24 October—Southern California
- 7 November—Uni. of Washington
- 14 November—Oregon

### Chuckles

I have a great memory. I can recite all the names on three pages of the New York telephone directory. Wanna hear me? All right then, Cohen, Cohen, Cohen, Cohen, Cohen.

The foreman on a political job ran short of shovels and wired Washington, asking for more. The next day he received this reply:

"Have no more shovels; tell the men to lean on each other."



Here is the complete roster of the pigskin throwing Hilltoppers. The top row, from left to right, are: Joe Calloway, Bill Fry, Fred Guith, Don Lanoo, Bill Snavelly, Al Moreno, Dick Baer, Jerry Seely. In the front row are: Ken Goodwin, Maynard Frank, Jack Young, Chuck Leonard, Mike Napoli, Arthur Dusco, and Bob Liles, the athletic director, who is being discharged 15 October.

### Defense Folds as Hilltoppers Lose First League Game to NAS 19-7

The Oak Knoll football team scored once and went down to defeat, 19-7, at the hands of a strong NAS, Oakland, squad Wednesday, 30 September. This contest was the first loss for the Hilltoppers and the second league game they have played.

Game captain was Fred Guith, who played the entire contest, defense and offense.

The defensive team of the locals was unable to cope with the NAS offensive attack which kept the Hilltoppers on their toes with good running and passing attack. The Flyboys finally broke through to score their first touchdown and make the score 6-0.

Offensively, the Knollites struck back but were stopped on two fine downfield marches on the ten-yard line where the attack bogged down. At the end of the half the score was 6-0 in favor of NAS.

Working from a spread-T and a single-wing the Hilltoppers with Will Fry at quarterback shot a long pass in the second quarter to end Fred Guith who carried the pigskin thirty yards. Hard-running back Chuck Leonard took the ball then on a reverse play and went ten yards to pay dirt to tie the score at 6-6. Fry passed to Guith for the extra point to pull the Hilltoppers out in front by a score of 7-6. This was the third TD that Leonard has scored in league competition and he leads the team in that department. With this TD it seemed as if the locals were beginning to click.

The Flyboys came roaring back to run all over the Hilltoppers defensive squad to score their second and third touchdowns to make the score 19-7. The defense folded almost completely at this stage of the game except for the outstanding plays made by Will Fry and Mike Napoli. In this half the Knollites' passing attack was grounded and their running attack was stopped when the line was unable to hold the NAS squad. When the gun went off to end the game the score was 19-7.

Here is the lineup that was used in the game:

Offense		Defense
Guith	E	Baer
Calloway	C	Snavelly
Moreno	E	Guith
Napoli	RH	
Leonard	FB	Lanoo
Fry	HB	Goodwin
	Safety	Young

The Oak Knoll club played NSC Oakland on the opponents' field Wednesday 7 October. Watch for the results in the OAK LEAF next week.

### Welcome and Farewell

The stream of outgoing staff personnel greatly exceeded that of those entering the hospital compound this week, with 15 turning their steps into the paths of Oak Knoll and 30 bidding farewell.

Reporting for duty were: CAPT Edward N. Wiggins, USAR, 1st LT Edgar G. La Veque, USAR, 1st LT Lee C. Park, USAR, 1st LT Allen D. Rosenblatt, USAR, 1st LT Gerard P. Sheldon, USAR, from Fort Sam Houston, Texas; LT Richard P. Wheat, MC, USNR, from MSTs, Pacific Area; LT Daniel S. Simon, MC, USNR; and LTJG Kenneth C. Leenhouts, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT Elizabeth L. Miller, NC, USN, from University of Indiana; LTJG May L. Reid, NC, USN, from USS HAVEN; ENS Mary G. Lalley, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, New York; ENS Donald R. Kelley, MSC, USNR, from Newport, Rhode Island; P. M. Krampitz, HM3, from USNMED-SCHL, Bethesda, Md.; and A. W. Girard, HA, from HCS, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Detached were: LT Marion Poulter, USN, to NAS, Tongue Point, Astoria, Oregon; E. L. Foy, HM1, to USNH, Oakland; HM3's W. "T" Snowden, Jr., G. S. Wilkins, C. W. Hamilton, and J. B. Elliot, from T. I., San Francisco; HM3's J. E. Dye, G. A. Brinkerhoff, A. Nelson, D. E. Davidson, to CO Naval Forces, Far East; J. A. Hughes, HM3, Jr., to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton; J. G. Murphy, HM3, to USNTC, San Diego; S. C. Spencer, HM3, to US Naval Shipyard, Mare Island; HM3's T. T. Tallant, W. C. Reilly, P. E. Ryan, to COMNAV, Marianas; H. W.

### PRE-VUES

Sunday, 11 October  
**PRISONERS OF THE CASAB**  
Gloria Grahame and Caesar Romero, AD VENTURE. Rating: Good. Another of those Arabian night adventures in technicolor. This should be quite entertaining. There is no additional information listed in the files.

Monday, 12 October  
**MR. BELVEDERE**—Clifton Webb and Anne Dru, COMEDY. Rating: Very Good. This is a "second glance" movie that was a smash hit a year ago. No doubt it will be shown to other Knollites and was very much. With Mr. Webb playing the lead you can be sure of a high type slapstick comedy. Come and join the Knollites in viewing this laugh-filled film.

Tuesday, 13 October  
**FIGHTING LAWMAN**—Wayne Morris and Virginia Grey, WESTERN. Rating: Very Good. Put on your ten-gallon hats and buckskins for this is another flicker. This is a fight-nighter for goers and should be a real ringer. It has not been shown to the public up to this time.

Wednesday, 14 October  
**PORT SINISTER**—James Warren and Lynne Roberts, ADVENTURE. Rating: Fair. This story concerns a volcano who predicts that Port Royal will erupt again from the sea. The plot thickens as some villains show up to make off with the vessel. They conceal the ship on an island. Filled with sea adventure and good entertainment. One you will want to see.

Thursday, 15 October  
**THE BIG FRAME**—Mark Stevens, Kent, and Garry Marsh, MYSTERY. Rating: Fair. I say there guvna' just those pistols and come out, for this is a movie, shot in England. Skullduggery and murder is the theme of this flicker. Mr. Stevens returns to London for an RAF commission only to find he is the chief suspect in a murder.

Friday, 16 October  
**BOTANY BAY**—Alan Ladd and Jane Mason, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. Here is another seafaring story. The guy, Alan Ladd, is teamed with Jane Mason, a real threat to the crown of the guy. This is a first-nighter for Knollites and is so new that there is very little information listed in the files. To go along with the story and Mr. Ladd is the hero of the scenes—in technicolor.

Saturday, 17 October  
**AS YOUNG AS YOU FEEL**—Melvyn Woolley and Thelma Ritter, COMEDY. Rating: Excellent. "One you will want to see" movies. This is the showing presented of this movie. Mark your first-nighter up for the Knollite viewers. Mr. Woolley is also another who has been absent from our screens for awhile. Except for the information already given there is nothing else in the files on this film.

### HI-LITES

Chicago. (AFPS) — Firemen were called to put out a fire which broke out in the General Detroit Corp. The firm manufactures fire extinguishers.

Orchard Beach, N.Y. (AFPS) — Mayor Moench, local kennels owner, refused to board a 160-pound Great Dane because the dog's owner insisted Moench sleep with him at night. Moench's excuse was that he snored and the Dane wouldn't get a wink of sleep.

Strickland, HM3, to NAS, Alameda; K. L. Mantle, HM3, to USNAV Supply Depot, Clearfield, Utah; M. W. Gorski, Jr., HN, to USN Shipyard, San Francisco; N. F. Walton, HN, to USN Supply Center, Oakland; HN's J. K. Mullen, and R. A. Brown, to Berkeley, California; HN's K. Pickett and L. N. Jones, Jr., to NAS, Alameda; K. L. Hamilton, HN, to Port Chicago, and J. B. Fay, HN, to NAS, Monterey, California.

Discharged was B. A. Moore, HN.

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Seven members of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians visited Oak Knoll Thursday, 8 October, after taking part in the Annual Convention held in San Francisco. They made a tour of the Record Office in order to acquaint themselves with the methods used at this hospital. Top row, from left to right are: Nancy Gebhart, VA Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa; Helen M. Waterman, Oak Knoll's representative; Ellen Cardwell, USN Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland; CAPT Ann Pajala, USAF, USAF Hospital, Parks Air Force Base, California; and the front row: Etelyn McElwee, USN Hospital, San Diego, California; Francis E. Warren, Air Force Base, Wyoming; LT Becky Lee Steven, USAF, USAF Hospital, Scott Air Base, Illinois.

## Second Week For Drive; All Hands Asked To Participate

The United Fund Drive swung into the second week as an army of solicitors entered almost every ward, office and shop in an attempt to reach everyone, both military and civilian, before the end of the week, in order to attain the hospital goal of \$12,000.

This is the "big push" planned by those in charge of the drive.

When the solicitors made the preliminary rounds they were asked: "How much am I expected to give?" The answer to this question is simple—give as much as you can, and give enough for all, since this drive covers Navy Relief, Alameda County Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, American National Red Cross, Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, the Community Chest and the USO. So give the right way—GIVE ONCE THE UNITED WAY.

There is a new feature in this year's drive that provides that 100 per cent of the contribution from civilians on the compound will be turned over to the United Crusade of the East Bay Area.

Some will be unable to give the suggested day's pay all at once. A donor signing a pledge card has the opportunity to spread his payments over a period of several weeks, making it easier to meet this obligation.

Window stickers bearing the words, "We Gave" and the United Crusade torch will accompany the receipt given to each donor, so that he will be immune to further solicitation and will let his friends know he is interested in serving his community.

This will be the only fund drive on the compound this year. That is why everyone is asked to GIVE THE UNITED WAY—GIVE YOUR FAIR SHARE—GIVE NOW!

If your solicitor has not contacted you, it is because he was unable to reach you, so do your part and contact him. Here is a list of your solicitors, who will either ask you for a pledge or a payment during the next week.

Civilian Personnel: H. W. Boyles and D. R. Britney, chairmen; Esther Arp, Bessie Howard, Marie Johnson, Bessie Stowers, Lela Mattos, Clois Forrester, Lloyd Marshal, Bernadette Malerich, Clair Griffith, Mellie Hoff, Kathleen W. Stevens, Suzanne Luttrell, George Garner, Bernard Garcia, Gus Matas, Joseph Bokuvka, Henry Pendleton, Ray Braine, Roy Roundtree, Gladys Shoales, Walter Robinson, Lottie Raines, Hodge Britton, Pinkie Orr, Theresa Buggs, Marie Fulton, Daniel Ross, Mary Fomera, and Cora Wright.

Medical Officers: LCDR C. B. Knight, Chairman; CDR Frank T. Norris, LTJG John S. Spratt, LTJG David W. Eskelson, CDR George M. Lynch and LTJG Larry B. Stanley.

Nurse Corps Officers: LCDR M. M. Warner, LT Phyllis Hanwell, Chairmen; LT M. M. Cheek, LT E. S. Gillette, LT B. J. Coady, ENS V. R. Hultin, LTJG V. M. Newell, ENS V. A. Sorby, ENS M. L. Goller, LTJG A. M. Sheridan, LT L. P. Miller.

Other Officer Personnel: LTJG R. G. DeWitt.

Red Cross: Evelyn Pedigo.

Navy Exchange: Louise Kinner.

Patients: LCDR R. E. Jenkins.

Enlisted Personnel: Chairman, LTJG H. E. Daniel and HMC M. W. Smith; E. F. Pon, DKS; M. D. Faris, DN; S. B. Jaffe, A/3C; S. M. Sandver, HMC; H. Scott, E. L. Fox, HM1's E. C. Henry, W. Van Blaricom, HM2's D. C. Nicola, (W), P. A. Zimmerman

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Dr. Emile F. Holman, Civilian Consultant on Cardio-Vascular Surgery, and Professor of Surgery, Stanford University, stands among seven of the 22 Navy doctors, who attended his presentation of "The Embryological Development of the Heart and Its Importance in Congenital Cardiac Defects," in the Officers' Club Auditorium, at 1930, last Tuesday. The lecture was accompanied by a 16 Mil. sound movie. From left to right are: LT Paul R. Schloerb, of Surgical Service, Ward 70A, CAPT Christopher C. Shaw, Chief of Medical Service, CAPT Richard S. Silvis, Chief of Surgical Service, CAPT Herman A. Gross, Executive Officer, Dr. Holman, CAPT B. E. Bradley, Commanding Officer, CDR Wesley Fry, Assistant Chief of Surgery, and LT Richard P. Wheat, of the Medical Department.

## "Golden Bears" To Meet Southern Cal

Next Saturday (24 October) the Golden Bears of Berkeley will face Southern California in the U.C. Stadium. Forty patients are invited to watch this battle of "brains and brawn." After this game, there will be only two home games left for the Bears to which patients are invited. Special Services are giving out the tickets on a first-come, first-served basis. Transportation is provided to and from the game.

The two home games that are left are:

7 November—Uni. of Washington,  
14 November—Oregon.

## Halloween Dance EM Club, Friday

With the atmosphere of witches on broom sticks, goblins, bats, and lighted pumpkins, the Staff Halloween Dance will be held Friday, 23 October, from 2000 to 0100 in the Enlisted Men's Club.

The dance is strictly DATE, no STAGS allowed. The six-piece Combo from TI will provide the music. Refreshments will be served. Costumes are optional, but how about making it real Halloweenish and put on a real George Get Up?

Sign up at Special Services for the dance.

## Military Ball Invite Extended to Staff

Here is a chance for all the staff to attend a Military Ball. The San Jose United Services Organization extended an invitation to officers, nurses, enlisted personnel, and their ladies to attend the USO Second Annual Formal Military Ball, at the National Armory, Second and Saint John Streets in San Jose.

Military personnel can attend the ball in uniforms, otherwise civilian dress is formal.

The ball will begin at 2100 on Saturday, 24 October. For any additional information please contact Special Services.



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### THE IMPORTANCE OF TIME

Did you ever miss your ship in a foreign port because you had the sailing time wrong? It is not good. TIME is the silent partner that greets us at birth and follows us to our grave.

Taking TIME OUT of a busy day to do the things which are important, adds greatly to the meaning of life.

Following are thirteen rules to keep in finding your bit of happiness.

1. Take time to work, it is the price of success.
2. Take time to think, it is the source of power.
3. Take time to play, it is the secret of perennial youth.
4. Take time to read, it is the fountain of wisdom.
5. Take time to worship, it is the highway to reverence.
6. Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.
7. Take time to dream, it is hitching your wagon to a star.
8. Take time to love and be loved, it is the privilege of life.
9. Take time to look around, it is too short a day to be selfish.
10. Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.
11. Take time to play with children, it is a joy of joys.
12. Take time to be courteous, it is the mark of a gentleman.
13. Take time to be holy, it is the privilege of a Christian.

R. E. Jenkins  
 LCDR, CHC, USN  
 Protestant Chaplain

### Picnic, Outing Planned By Navy Mothers' Club

The Oakland Navy Mothers' Club is sponsoring a picnic, outing, and tour Thursday, 22 October at Golden Gate Park. One of the places that will be visited on the tour is the famous Japanese Gardens.

The forty patients that go will have lunch at the Blue-Jacket's Haven.

Transportation will be furnished by Special Services. WAVES that are patients are also invited. So sign up now at Special Services, the bus leaves at 2030.

Give once; Give now; Give to the United Crusade.

### Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

#### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030  
 Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
 Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

#### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

#### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES  
 0600-0800-0900-1200  
 DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630  
 Confessions before Mass  
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel  
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

## Welcome Farewell

The number of staff personnel leaving the compound this week greatly exceeds the list of newcomers. There were 32 leaving while 16 arrived on the compound.

Reporting for duty were: LT Veronica C. Gruber, NC, USNR, from MSTs, Pacific Area; ENS Anna Mae Mudzo, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, New York; HN's L. L. Balke, U. S. Ellis, W. V. Halbrook, L. B. Johnson, R. E. Northam, J. A. Rhodes, B. M. Robbins, W. J. Villanueva, W. J. Simmons, from HCS, San Diego; HA's P. T. Gill, from HCS, Great Lakes, Illinois; D. C. Papke, M. K. Sandvig, G. F. Stokes, and J. H. Thinker.

Detached were: HM1's E. L. Fox to USS TAUSSIG, DD; W. E. Scott, to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton; HM2's E. C. Summerville, to USS WISCONSIN, M. F. Gillett, to T. I., HM3's J. B. Cox to CO, NTC, San Diego, S. F. Griffith, to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, J. B. Widener, Jr., to NAS, T. I., D. M. Sorensen, to Port Chicago, and B. H. Foley to ADCOMPGSCOL Monterey; HN's P. B. Blim, W. D. Clark, R. J. Wolfe, R. E. Warmouth, J. S. Hood, H. Scott, L. J. Horner, W. A. Ward, V. G. Bailey, A. J. Swiencicki, W. E. Spraker, C. M. Lindsay, H. R. Hesse, E. W. Christensen, to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, and HN's H. L. Fleck, D. M. Kent, R. O. Scharr, E. W. Youso, to Naval Shipyard, San Francisco; and HN M. K. Sherer, to ADCOMPGSCOL, Monterey.

## Press, Radio; TV Starts Bible Week

The Laymen's National Committee recently announced the thirteenth annual observance of National Bible Week will be celebrated 19 through 25 October.

Dr. Alfred P. Haake, Chairman of the committee, issued a statement concerning the need of reading the Bible. "In these days of stress we turn once again to the observance of National Bible Week. For this all too brief period the thoughts of 160 million Americans are directed once once again to the greatest book of all time."

An extensive program with the aid of key industrial and professional figures to play important parts is planned. Press, radio, and television will lend their aid to establish in the minds of all our people the vital fact, that the Bible is the key to peace.

## Oakland Civic Auditorium Scene of Huge Festivity

To highlight United Nations Week, 19-24 October, at the Oakland Civic Auditorium there will be four Armed Service bands, an A Cappella choir of 100 voices, and a 100-piece band from El Cerrito to say farewell to United Nations Week.

Patients and staff of Oak Knoll have been invited to this festivity. Box seats will be provided for those that attend.

Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine bands will play together in part of the huge program planned. The choir of 100 voices is from Albany.

Transportation problems are solved since Special Services will provide the buses. Those that wish to attend this event or desire additional information, please contact Special Services.

The day is Wednesday, 21 October at 1730.

## Two Events on Calendar; Party Being Planned Now

The Alameda County Employees Association has invited forty patients to the Weldonian Show at the Oakland Civic Auditorium Thursday, 22 October.

Transportation will be furnished by Special Services and will leave from the Community Building at 1900.

Last year the show was a great hit and promises to be just as good this year. Here is a chance for forty patients to sit in box seats to view this show.

Forty patients have been invited to attend the National 250-lap Championship stock car races at the Speedway in Vallejo Sunday, 18 October (tomorrow). Patients that are interested should contact Special Services immediately. The bus leaves at 1200.

All staff personnel (officers and enlisted) that plan to bring their children to the Staff Christmas Party, 21 December, are asked to pick up chits at Special Services, Staff Detail, Organization, or other center locations, so that plans can be made according to the data submitted.

Children that attend the party must be under ten years old.

Please contact Special Services for additional information.

Give that extra dollar to the United Crusade.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### PARTY TIME

CPL J. E. Swearingen, V. D. Johnson, SA, A. Michalchuk, GM2. T. C. Parker, GM3, Chief M. Polmantier and PFC C. E. Harrison were the guests of honor on Ward 74A on Tuesday, 6 October. Their September and October birthdays' celebration was enjoyed by the rest of the men on the ward, which included games, singing and a beautiful birthday cake.

### SPECIAL TREAT

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary No. 9991 (The Astor Unit) in keeping with their excellent record of services to the patients of this hospital, have again provided through a generous donation, an unusual party. This time the fortunate patients were on Ward 70B. The Astor Unit has been most generous in the past and deserve the heartfelt thanks from all on board.

### PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

A considerable group of East Bay ladies, following a country-wide plan for military hospitals, celebrated President Eisenhower's birthday at Oak Knoll on 14 October. A lively afternoon of music, food, and fun was provided for many wards on the compound as well as in the Red Cross Lounge. Mrs. C. C. Herrick headed the committee composed of many fine people from the East Bay area.

### NORWEGIAN NEWCOMER

One of the comparatively new patients in the hospital is PFC Arnfinn Kvernplassen, Ward 74A. Kvernplassen has been a patient here since 11 September, but tells us he is more at home in a less mild climate as the first twenty-three years of his life were spent in Norway. After leaving Norway, he made his home in Moose Pass, Alaska, where his sister and her family live. Since his arrival at Oak Knoll, Kvernplassen has joined many other patients by taking up oil painting as well as keeping up his own hobby of listening to classical music.



Here are some matching exercises for the Corpsmen that are both educational and entertaining. This is a series that will run parallel with the educational program at the staff school.

Abbreviations relating to wards (Match the right hand column with those on the left.)

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| NP( )    | (1) Tuberculosis             |
| OB( )    | (2) Occupational therapy     |
| OR( )    | (3) Surgical                 |
| OT( )    | (4) Neuropsychiatric         |
| Ped( )   | (5) Obstetrical or maternity |
| Pharm( ) | (6) Operating room           |
| PT( )    | (7) Pediatric                |
| SOQ( )   | (8) Pharmacy                 |
| Surg( )  | (9) Physical therapy         |
| TB( )    | (10) Sick officers quarters  |

### ANSWERS TO QUIZ

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CWOHC Marion E. Cramer

# London Meeting For Physical Therapist

CWOHC Marion E. Cramer, USN, of the Physical Therapy Department attended the first International Congress of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy, in London from 6 to 11 September.

Miss Cramer was one of the two Navy women represented at the conference. All in all there were 40 Americans out of 370 foreign visitors from 25 different countries. Two members of the American Physical Association took part in the week-long program. Dr. Herman Kabat, co-founder of the Kabat-Kaiser Institutes gave a presentation in conjunction with Margaret Knott who demonstrated some of the rehabilitation techniques in use at the institution.

In addition to the lectures and scientific presentations there were a number of outstanding social events, which were: an evening trip on the River Thames to the Tower of London, to watch the Ceremony of the Keys, Dinner and Dance at the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, London, and the reception of the Lord Mayor of London at the Guild Hall. The delegates were also received by the British Medical Association, the Apothecaries Association and the British Minister of Health.

Miss Cramer was impressed by the exchange of ideas and especially interested in demonstrations of chest exercises by Sir Clement Price Thomas, FRCS, surgeon at Westminster Hospital and Brompton Hospital for Diseases of the Chest. She was also impressed by an idea presented to the assemblage by Wallace Graham, M.D., M.R.C.P. (London), F.R.C.P. (C), Assistant Professor of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Toronto University, Canada, and Chairman of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society. He said that psychosomatic rather than physical treatments were needed in dealing with many patients.

Miss Cramer went through recruit training at Hunter College and was a physiotherapist in San Diego. Before entering the Navy she attended New Haven Junior College, for Physical Therapists, Connecticut, in 1935, and in 1942 had one semester of Muscle Rehabilitation at the University of Minnesota. From December of 1944 to April 1946, Miss Cramer had duty at the USNH, Santa Cruz, and was transferred to Corpus Christi, Texas, for a year. Since April 1947, Miss Cramer has been at Oak Knoll working in Physical Therapy.

# Scuttlebutt

**SIGNS OF THE SEASON:** The leaves on the trees turning color, against the leaden sky . . . corpsmen standing outside duty in pea-coats and noticing their breath in the night air only to wish they were in a nice warm bed . . . Personnel changing from the pool to their haunts where they serve water in glasses . . . and people running around, busily hunting for Halloween costumes . . . Maintenance getting out their rakes as the leaves add to their already heavy schedule . . . linen room getting more and more orders for additional blankets.

**PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS:** Alice Quinn can really be-bop. Almost every night you can find her down at the EM club cutting a rug. Just as bad as those shuffleboard aces . . . CWO Marion Cramer returned from leave this week from a World Conference of Physiotherapists in London . . . where did you get the slight accent? . . . Chaplain Vosseler will add a new stripe to his shoulderboard soon . . . Joan Frazee, HM3, of the NP service, bought herself an Austin by the name of James James Morrison, Morrison Weatherby George Dupree . . . Ray Nobles leads the list in car fixing. Seems he helped out Ye Old Editor last Wednesday . . . EST school went on an educational tour to NAS, Alameda. They made the back page of the NAS station paper . . . Everyone in the Wave Quarters wonders why Mary Karen-Sherer doesn't come up to see the troops and let the kids know about her good job in Monterey . . . Betty Carr and Joan Kunkel both celebrated their birthdays recently . . . Happy birthday to you . . . Edna Bourdase, secretary to the Administrative Officer, is a proud mama of a new champ. Son, Ed, tops the list in the blue book for bowlers of the San Francisco - East Bay area for 1952 with the high of 200 average. The beaming father is Henry Bourdase, an employee of the Pharmacy Division. Watch those buttons, Pop.



These two enlisted men, HMC Fred Nagel (center), and HMI Ollie Langston (left) are shown being sworn back into the Navy by CAPT Bradley. This is Chief Nagel's sixth cruise while HMI Langston is on his second cruise. Both are career men.

# HMC and HMI Take Oaths, Re-enlist

Two enlisted men were resworn into the Navy when they took oaths in CAPT Bradley's office. They are Fred G. Nagel, HMC, student of the EST School and Ollie C. Langston, HMI, from the Artificial Limb Department.

Chief Nagel who enlisted on 2 March 1929, went through recruit training and HCS in San Diego, Independent School, Portsmouth, Virginia, Fleet Medical School, Camp Le Jeune, Shipboard Medical School and Radiological School in San Diego.

Other places of duty were: two years at Guam, USNH, Mare Island, and USNH, Memphis, Tennessee.

Enlisted into the Regular Navy, he switched to the Reserves until November 1945, and re-enlisted into the Regular Navy this past Friday.

He served aboard the USS SWAN, AMS, the USS ARIZONA, BB, the USS CALIFORNIA, BB, the USS KENNEBECK, AO, and the USS FROST, DE.

Langston, native of Banning, California, entered the service in October 1948 when he went through recruit training and HCS training in San Diego. Other schools he attended were: Medical Field Technician School in Camp Pendleton, and the Orthopedic Appliance Mechanics School at Oak Knoll. As a civilian he attended Redlands University, Redlands, California.

Both Langston and Chief Nagel live near the base in Oakland and Alameda respectively, with their wives Jerry Lou Langston and Theresa Pustka Nagel and their children. The Langstons have a thirteen month old boy, Bruce; the Nagels two daughters, five-year-old Sharon, and one-year-old Barbara.

We only ask you to put your hand into your pocket once and contribute for all Welfare Agencies via the United Crusade.



Twenty-one students graduated from the NP School, at 1330, 9 October, in Building 25A, when CAPT D. C. Gaede, Chief of the Service, spoke on the theme "a job well done." Assisted by LT Betty S. Ogden, former instructor of the school, now working for VA, CAPT Bradley presented the diplomas. Standing at the top row, from left to right are: Morton Schechter, HM2, John M. Winslow, HN, Robert B. Worsham, HM3, Robert E. Miller, HN, Robert M. Manchester, HN, Donald R. Lanoo, 3rd Honorman, with an average of 93.3, Rex J. Le Blanc, HN, Wayne W. Holloway, A/3C, 2nd Honorman, with an average of 95.3; the next row starting with WAVE Doris L. Doyle, HN, James R. Cooksey, HN, Ralph L. Davidson, HN, Marvin P. Williams, HN, Carlos E. Helm, HM3, Eugene E. Huhn, HN, Kyle K. Coleman, top man of the class with an average of 97.3, and in the front row Jesse B. McGinnis, HN, Brick J. Peterson, HM3, Morris D. Micholson, HM3, Merrit "W" Rose, HM1, and Billy L. Lemon, HN. The two Air Force men will resume duties in their branch of service. The present instructor of the school is LT Margaret Shaw, NC, USN.





## Four Touchdowns In First Period Deciding Blow As Hilltoppers Lose

The Oak Knoll Football team dropped their second game in a row when powerful NSC scored four touchdowns in the first half and then held on to gain a 32-26 win over the locals, Wednesday, 7 October, on the opponents' field.

The NSC attack in the first half consisted of long passes which the locals were unable to cope with at the time.

Digger Solomon, Dick Baer, and Bill Snook, then came in on the defensive squad and stopped the NSC offense cold after the damage was done. This was Solomon's first game and he played well enough to warrant a starting berth on the team.

During this time the Knollites were already tearing away at the opponents' lead. Quarterback Jack Young in his first starting assignment got the team rolling when he took the attack to the air. After a march down to the NSC twenty-yard line, Young flipped an aerial to Ironman Fred Guith, good for a touchdown. This was the first TD for the Hilltoppers.

The second touchdown came when Will Fry replaced Young at quarterback and shot a short spiral pass to Joe Calloway. He took the pigskin to pay dirt for six big points. Fry got trapped behind the line and was forced to run the extra point. This made the score 25-13 at the half.

At the beginning of the second half the Hilltoppers continued with a fine offensive brand of football. There was no letting up on the attack and the Knollites continued to nibble away at the NSC lead.

The third change in quarterbacks came when the locals' attack started to bog down. Chuck Leonard then stepped in and took command of the situation. He ran and passed the team down to the opponents' forty-five

yard line and then took to the air with a long pass to Don Lanoo who was about five yards from the goal line. Lanoo took the pigskin to pay dirt for another TD. With the conversion, Fry-Guith being good, the scoreboard read 25-20 in favor of the NSC five.

The game looked all wrapped up when NSC scored another touchdown to make the score 32-20.

The Hilltoppers proved they are a fighting team when they rebounded with Leonard at quarterback who flipped a forty-yard pass to Guith. Fry-Guith combination, missed the extra point. This made the score 32-26. That touchdown was Guith's third in league competition and he is now tied with Leonard on TD's. He leads the team in scoring points with twenty-two.

Even with this score the locals continued their attack. When the gun went off to end the game the Knollites were on NSC's ten-yard line and another score might have given them a victory.

Snook and Fry have been elected team defense and offense captains for the season. Fry has been outstanding on blocking, passing, signals, answering and calling. Making Fry offensive captain is good since he is an excellent team man. Snook kicks off and keeps the defense fired up.

The Hilltoppers have a chance to up their win column when they meet the San Francisco Marines Wednesday, 14 October on the Knollites home field. The OAK LEAF will carry the complete details of the game.

## Forty Patients Invited To VFW Meeting

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1010 have invited forty Oak Knoll patients to their Armed Forces Night meeting Friday, 23 October.

Uniforms must be worn for admission to the full evening of free fun and refreshments. Those that sign up at Special Services will be first.

Again, the date is Friday, 23 October, transportation will be furnished, and those interested must sign up at Special Services.

## Squad Almost Picked; Team Captain Selected

Chaplain Vosseler was elected captain of the Oak Knoll Bowling squad and at once went to work picking the squad. With a little luck and good bowling, the team may be able to add another championship to Oak Knoll history.

The locals will carry seven players, two of these will be cut from the squad before the start of the league games. Once the season is underway any member can be replaced but once



The Championship trophies were presented by CAPT Bradley this week to the members of the Lab squad that participated in the Intramural Softball League. The Champions ran out a string of fourteen victories after losing their first and last games. The pitching manager for the team was Vic Irving, the well-known sportsman. Those pictured are: bottom, left to right: T. L. McClintock, Main Lab., and W. M. Cooper, of P & A. At the top are Main Lab players: W. B. Carter, Vic Irving, C. W. Green, R. G. DeWitt, Special Services Officer. Since the team has won the Intramural Softball Championship, five of the Lab players have been transferred and are not pictured here. They are: R. H. Jones, D. W. Herr, W. M. Craft, R. E. Roberts, and L. P. Newman.

## - - PREVIEWS - -

Sunday, 18 October  
**MARRY ME AGAIN**—Robert Cummings and Marie Wilson, COMEDYDRAMA. Rating: Good. This film is a first-nighter for Oak Knoll movie-goers. Marie Wilson inherits a million dollars and Robert Cummings is touchy about who brings home the bacon for the family when and IF he gets married. As Miss Wilson tries to withhold the fact of the million dollars from her fiancé she creates a barrel of laughs.

Monday, 19 October  
The movie has been cancelled for this evening. Instead there will be a stage show presented to Knollites at 1900.

Tuesday, 20 October  
**IT CAME FROM OUTER SPACE**—Richard Carlson, Barbara Rush, and Charles Drake, FRIGHTDRAMA. Rating: Very Good. Here is a 3-D fright feature put into a regular "flat" movie. If you are scared easily make a point to miss this movie for it is so frightening that even the hardened veterans of technological revolution were fearful of the film. Strange "visitors" land in the desert in a meteor-like object. THEN strange things start to happen. This is one you will want to see!

## More UFD Solicitors . . .

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(W), B. E. Beard, R. C. Farmer, M. Napoli, H. E. Carr, R. H. Duffie, C. A. Haynes, HM3's J. N. Kelarkis, F. Van Walbeck, R. S. George, M. E. Lynch, E. Sisneros, R. W. Newman, E. L. Bishop, W. A. Ward, R. Beck, T. L. McClintock, D. Schultz, R. A. Brown, S. Mylek, G. D. Vogele, HN's.

a player is dropped from the team, the player cannot bowl in the league again during the season.

Those that are on the team are: LCDR F. H. Holmes, LT B. B. Griffith, Chief H. J. Engen, HM2 Vic Irving, HM3 L. E. Hoosier, and Joe Baranski.

Wednesday, 21 October  
**YOUNG MAN WITH IDEALS**—John Ford and Ruth Roman, COMEDY. Rating: Very Good. Here is another first-nighter for Knollites. The film is so good that there is nothing listed in the film except the above information. But with Ruth Roman, Hollywood's most beautiful woman, playing in the picture need we be more said?

Thursday, 22 October  
**LAST OF THE PONY RIDERS**—John Ford, WESTERN. Rating: Good. This is a treat for all you cowboy fans. John Ford rides the plains in search of a medium for TIME. There is no additional information available in the files.

Friday, 23 October  
**THUNDER OVER THE PLAINS**—Richard Scott and Phyllis Kirk, WESTERN. Rating: Very Good. The smell of smoke, and out of nowhere comes riding Randolph Scott to the protection of Phyllis Kirk. This is one flicker that is to be really "tough" and entertaining. One that will be hard to miss.

Saturday, 24 October  
**WHISTLE STOP**—George Raft and Ava Gardner, DRAMA. Rating: Very Good. Tough guy, George Raft, and Ava Gardner get together to put over a slam-bang story of mystery, intrigue, and adventure. This is a "first-glance" movie for Knollites that should be seen.

## Stage Show Set For Mon. Night

Curtain going up! A stage show will be presented to Knollites Monday evening, which will consist of dancers, singers, jugglers, and many other acts. This is one of the many times that Miss England has brought her variety show to Oak Knoll and in the past they have been excellent.

The curtain will go up at 1900 and the movie will be cancelled for this evening.

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## Oak Leaf Marks 11th Anniversary

Eleven years ago Oak Knoll distributed its first edition of the OAK LEAF, called the "You Name It."

Two issues later the 6½ x 8, four-page mimeographed acorn planted in the Chaplain's Office grew into the OAK LEAF.

On the front page of its first issue, CAPT F. R. Hook, MC, USN, then CO, wrote these words, "This is the first issue of what we hope will prove to be a very useful paper. Its function is to disseminate information and provide amusement for our patients and staff. To be successful it must have the support of all of us. God speed the 'You Name It'."

CAPT A. H. Dearing in 1944 suggested the paper be printed rather than mimeographed, and during the war years it doubled in size. In 1945 the OAK LEAF was transferred from the Chaplain's Office to Public Information.

## 40 Patients to See Dunham Dancers

World-famous Katharine Dunham and her troupe of native dancers will appear in person on the stage of the Golden Gate Theater in San Francisco beginning next Wednesday and 40 patients from Oak Knoll are invited to the opening performance.

The Dunham dancers will go through a variety of exciting primitive dances, and the program will also include the technicolor movie, "Man From Atlanta," starring Julie Adams and Glenn Ford.

Patients are signing up now at Special Services. The bus will leave from the Community Service Building at 1200.

## Randy Nissen Show To Return Tuesday

Miss Randy Nissen will return once more to Oak Knoll with her troupe of entertainers on Tuesday, 27 Oct.

The curtain goes up at 1900 to provide Knollites with an-hour-and-one-half of top entertainment.

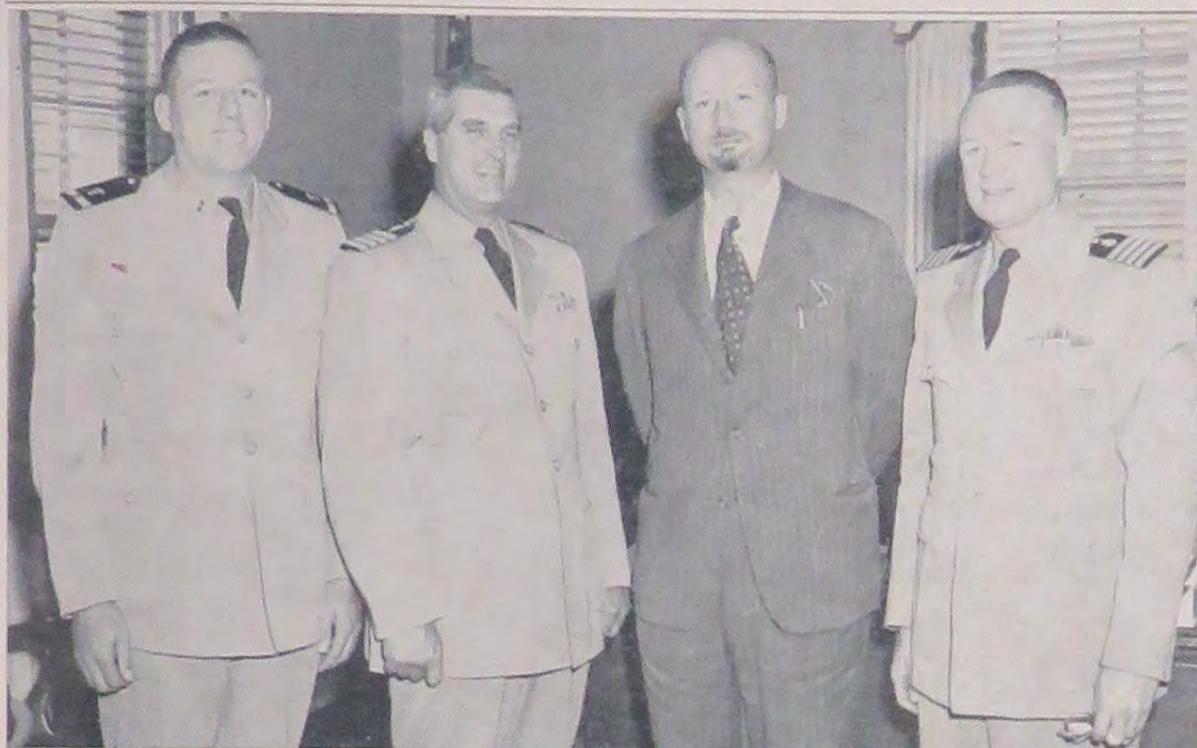
Miss Nissen will be featured in a long act and among the other highlights of the show are fire baton twirling, magic, tumbling, and tap dancing.

## HA's Add New Stripes

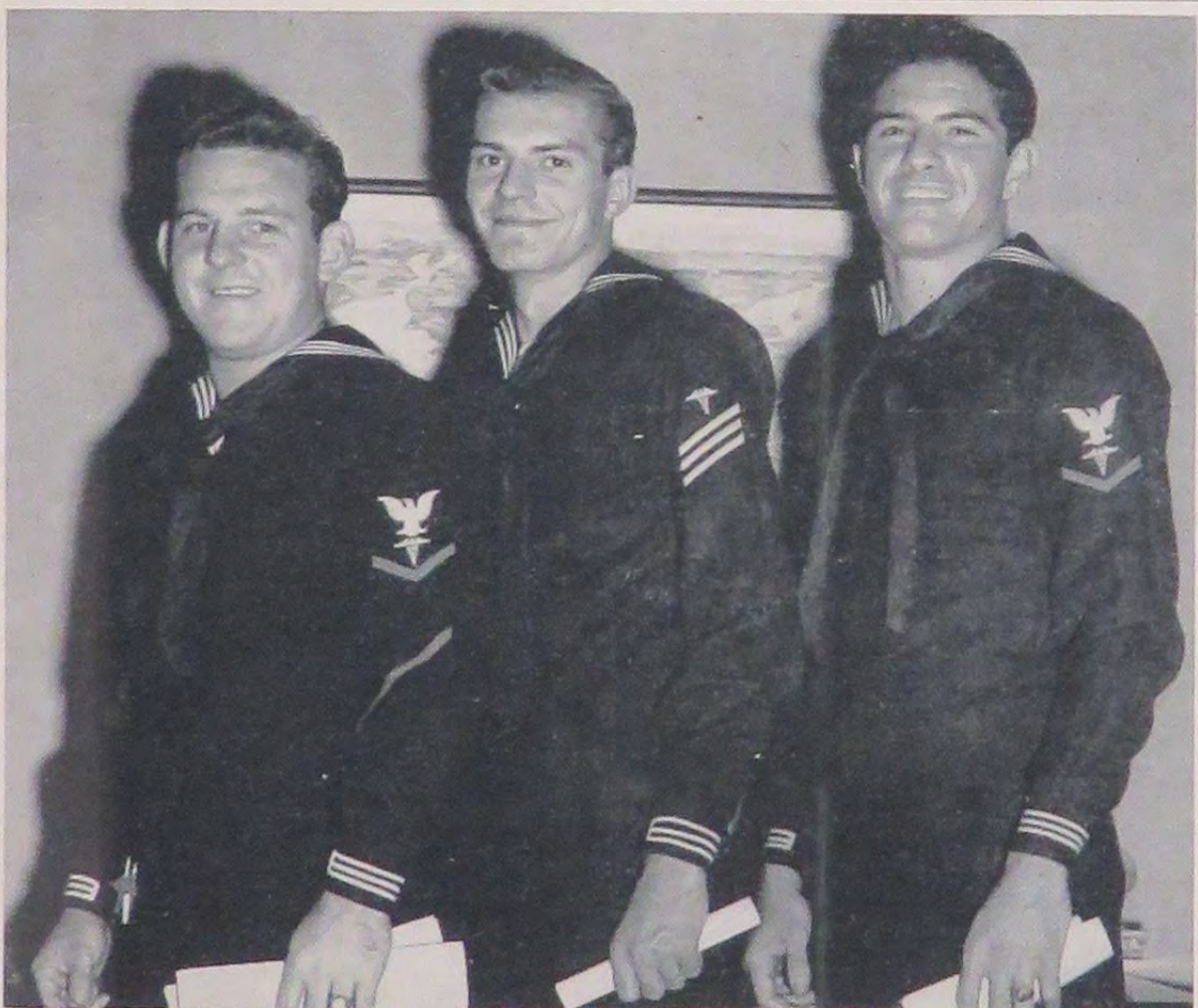
Nine HA's went up a step higher in the Enlisted Men's Pay Grades on 16 October.

They are Dennis W. Brown, Eleanor Di Ioli, John Gounaris, James D. Cooper, Violet M. Johnson, Patrick Hara, Ralph Stockman, Patricia A. Hammerman, and Dennis McNabb.

## Fund Drive Halfway To Goal



Gino Morandi, professor of engineering at the University of Bologna, Italy, in the United States on a Fullbright Scholarship and "to make the good will," visited Oak Knoll during the past week, paying special attention to the amputee rehabilitation program and the manufacture of prosthetic limbs. Professor Morandi was especially interested in comparing the work here with that being accomplished by the prosthetic research program at the Institute at Rizzoli in his own country. The professor, also visiting the University of California during his 30-day stay in the Bay Area, is pictured here with CWOHC J. H. Faunce, CAPT T. J. Canty, and CAPT Bradley.



These three NP Technicians smile broadly after receiving commendations for their participation in the educational program at the hospital. Left to right are Clarence Leonard, HM3, Marvin Williams, HN, and Mike Napoli, HM3.

## Technicians Receive Commendations

Three NP Technicians received commendations from CAPT Bradley, on 9 October.

They were Clarence C. Leonard, NPT School MAA, Marvin P. Williams, NP Technician on night duty in Ward 52, and Michael C. Napoli, Senior Corpsman of Ward 51A and B.

According to the commendations, their participation in the educational program of Oak Knoll was performed in an exemplary manner. "When assigned a part of the classroom discussion on 'meeting the emotional needs of the patient in a general hospital,' you devoted many hours to preparation of a lesson plan as an aid to the training of your fellow hospital corpsmen."

## \$4000 Cash in; \$2000 Pledged

With the hospital's United Fund Drive less than ten work days old, Knollites had reached the halfway mark in the campaign by giving and pledging approximately \$6,000 up until Wednesday night. This figure, reported by LT Daryle A. Wade, treasurer, represents more than \$4,000 actual cash turned in and approximately \$2,000 in pledges to be collected before the end of November.

Although returns were far from complete at press time, CAPT R. S. Poos, Chairman of the drive, was hopeful that this early response indicated Knollites would reach their goal within the next two weeks.

### 100 Percenters

Hal Boyles of Civilian Personnel reported that hard-working, generous-giving laundry employees have contributed 100 per cent, averaging \$6.30 per person, and that the Disbursing Office staff has been entered in the 100 per cent column with contributions averaging \$8.75.

According to Mr. Boyles, other departments where per annum workers are making an excellent showing and are striving to get 100 per cent participation by next week are Finance, the Fire Department, Personnel and Records.

Dudley Britney indicated that his fellow maintenance workers appear to be gathering their forces and their cash for an outstanding contribution to the fund, which they hope to be ready to report next week.

### Nurses Up to \$1,000

Staff nurses had turned in more than \$1,000 through their chief solicitors, LCDR Myrtle M. Warner and LT Phyllis M. Hanwell, with 40 per cent still to report. Patients, who are not being actively solicited, have indicated their approval of the drive by turning in more than \$200.

Other groups on the compound appear to be making a good showing, and more 100 percenters will be named here next week.

## Examinations for HN's

Those interested in adding another stripe to their sleeves will have the chance from 0900-1200, Thursday, 12 November.

Personnel advanced at this time will be eligible to take the HM3 examination in February, provided they are otherwise qualified.

Report to the Educational Services with procedure card to sign up prior to 1500 Monday, 9 November. The 1953 Hospital Corps Handbook is available for study through Educational Services.



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Our Blessed Lord said that the poor will always be with us. And Abraham Lincoln remarked that God must have loved the poor because he made so many of them. We do not find so much poverty and need in our country, probably because it has been blessed so richly by Almighty God. But there are many who need a helping hand even in our great land. And those of us who can help, who have greater means, should sacrifice a little in God's name for those less fortunate.

That is what the United Fund Drive means. It is an occasion to support a worthy cause, simply because it is worthy and because we have a duty to be generous. So much good can come from just a little sacrifice on our part.

Americans have always been generous, and possibly that is one of the principal reasons that we are prosperous. God loves a cheerful giver and to him who gives generously, Christ returns a hundred-fold. It is a tradition with us to assist those who rate our concern and need our support. Certainly our contributions to the United Fund Crusade carry out this tradition in the worthiest manner possible. You don't have to give till it hurts, but surely it won't hurt any of us to give what we can afford and maybe a wee bit more—to this great cause. Such a sacrifice in such a cause is only asking Americans to do what has, thank God, become second nature to them.

LCDR Charles B. Knight  
Catholic Chaplain

## No Trick to Treat Yourself to Safety

Old and young alike join in the fun when it is "trick or treat" time. And, as the small fry neighborhood ghosts and goblins come a callin', it's time to think about that real hobgoblin—NIGHT TIME DRIVING—that shows up to plague unwary motorists around this time of year when the days get shorter and the nights longer. But—if you will exercise just a little bit of care—drive with a little extra caution—driving need hold no terrors for you. So in these fall and winter days, when darkness slips in early and motor vehicle accidents begin to increase, it is important to:

**Slow down early**—your chances of an accident increase as visibility decreases.

**Check lights carefully**—your safety depends on them.

**Go prepared**—Take along a supply of flares for use in an emergency.

**Remember: IT'S NO TRICK TO TREAT YOURSELF TO SAFETY, SLOW DOWN AT SUNDOWN!**

Contribute to the many welfare agencies by giving once to the United Crusade.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900

Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday

HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday

morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

## Long Distance Telephone Calls Cost More Money

Long distance telephone calls went up in price 1 October, increasing by five cents the cost of each minute overtime on interstate calls of more than 24 miles distance.

Increases of 5-10 cents will be added to the initial three-minute period for night and Sunday calls on most distances between 41 and 2,300 miles.

The Federal Communications Commission in a split vote authorized the Bell Telephone System increases because of recent wage boosts to employees.

## LTJG Bowlin Returns

LTJG Paul F. Bowlin, MC, USNR, is back from TAD in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he discussed the Naval Internship Program with members of the Senior Class at the University of Utah School of Medicine.

Start your Payroll Savings Plan today, and build for a more secure tomorrow.

## Welcome Farewell

Oak Knoll's Staff Population lost more than it gained this week when 13 reported in, 15 were detached, one released to inactive duty and one discharged.

Reporting in were: LT Robert C. Bain, MC, USNR, from USS MOUNT McKINLEY; LTJG Joan Rhodarmer, NC, USN, from NavSta, Subic Bay, Luzon, P. I.; CWOHC Timothy P. Fitzgerald, Jr., USN, from USS POL-LUX; HMC L. L. Linse, from USS GUADALUPE; HM3 R. E. Todd, from USNMS, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; HN's S. E. Davidson, H. K. Escue, J. B. Kasper, R. E. Schablik, R. T. Stanziano, from HCS, Great Lakes, Illinois; I. Polkenhorn, (W) from Moffett Field; and HA's R. C. Denton, C. L. Stephens, from HCS, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Detached were: LT Edward M. Goldberg, MC, USNR, to NavSta, Adak, Alaska; HM2 A. O. Pacosky, to NavSta, T. I.; HM3's M. D. Micholson, to USNH, Bremerton, Washington; F. G. Anderson, to USS GENERAL WILLIAM MITCHELL; J. B. Petersen, to USNH, Corona; R. B. Worsham, to USNH, Camp Pendleton; and HN's J. H. Shifflet, Jr., F. R. Holthaus, to USNH, M. I., Vallejo; D. L. Doyle, to USNH, Bremerton, Washington; J. H. Cooksey, R. L. Davidson, R. J. Le Blanc, to USNH, San Diego; R. E. Miller, J. B. McGinnis, to USNH, Corona, California; and D. R. Lanoo, to Camp Pendleton.

LT Ruth L. Falt, NC, USNR, was released to inactive duty while LTJG Jack C. Fischer, DC, USNR, was discharged.

## Navy League Observes 27 October Anniversary

Does Tuesday, 27 October, mean anything to you? It should, since it is Navy Day.

Although the day will pass unnoticed in many quarters, there are many "old salts" who will remember when it was well known in the United States as Navy Day.

Four years ago Armed Forces Day replaced Navy Day so that all the services would be honored simultaneously. Since then 27 October has gone by with little or no celebration, though the Navy League has continued to pay homage to the Navy on that date.

This particular date was selected by the Navy for two reasons: It marks the birthday of President Theodore Roosevelt who was called "The Father of the Modern Navy" and it commemorates the fact that in 1775 the continental Congress received a bill to build a fleet to protect a young and struggling nation.

## Forty Oak Knoll Patients Invited to Horse Show

At the San Francisco Cow Palace on Friday, 30 October, the Grand National Horse Show will be presented to the public, and among the guests will be 40 Oak Knoll patients. The Alameda County Employees Association is providing the tickets, and Special Services will provide transportation. The bus is to leave from the Community Building at 1830. Sign up now for the event.



CHARLES DUROT, PO3, French Navy, is shown being served coffee by Mrs. Alice Von Sabo, Red Cross Gray Lady, in the Red Cross Lounge. Durot is from the French ship Belleau Wood, and has been at Oak Knoll since 11 September. With his hospitalization at Oak Knoll he has been enjoying football games, dances and other typical American activities.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### MOVIE SCHEDULES

Movies scheduled on the wards this week will provide a full schedule. Saturday, 24 October through Tuesday, 27 October, the movies to appear will be "By the Light of the Silvery Moon" with Doris Day and Gordon MacRae and "Iron Mountain Trail" with Rex Allen. One movie only, "Thunder Bay," with James Stewart and Joanne Dru will be shown from Wednesday, 28 October, through Friday, 30 October. The showings on the wards have been averaging 20 per week.

### KICK-OFF TIME

Thirty-two men, who are the lucky holders of tickets donated by the Red Cross, will board a Navy bus Sunday, 25 October, for Kezar Stadium for the football game between the Detroit Lions and the San Francisco 49ers. If you are following the series you know that the Lions just moved out the 49ers in their last game.

### NAVY MOMS

Navy Mothers of Oakland honored the men on Wards 41B, 42A, 43B and the men in the Red Cross Lounge Monday night, 19 October, with a variety show. A dancing-singing accordionist and male vocalist were the main features of the evening, and the men were most pleased with beautiful cupcakes, ice cream, and candy bars.

THANKS ARE EXTENDED TO OUR MANY FINE NEW HOSTESSES IN THE RED CROSS LOUNGE ON TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS  
It's not too early to make felt Christmas stockings, cute felt animals for the youngsters or sequined bed slippers for the wife or girl friend. Drop around to the Red Cross Craft Shop and get started right away.

## NOTICE

Enlisted Personnel interested in working in Chaplain's Office are asked to contact the senior Chaplain for an interview. Anyone accepted to fill the vacancy must be a good typist.





Anne H. Woods

## Mrs. Woods Joins Social Service

Mrs. Anne H. Woods has reported for duty on the Medical Social Service, replacing Miss Ruth Brauer, who left for New York City to participate in the National Social Work Program for the Lutheran Church.

The new staff member has worked for the Traveler's Aid Society, Tacoma, Wash., traveled with Red Cross in an Army Hospital in Europe, worked for the Convalescent Hospital at Fort Lewis, Wash., and held the position of Chief Social Worker for VA at Fort Harrison, Mont.

Before her arrival at Oak Knoll, she was the Treasurer of the Montana State Society of Mental Hygiene and initiated case work service at the Montana State Vocational School for girls. She is a graduate of the Eastern Washington College of Education, where she earned her B.A., and received her Masters degree in Social Work at the University of California.

## 4 Admissions Available To Golden Gate Fields

Four paid admissions are available for staff members or patients who wish to view the horse races at Golden Gate Fields on either 26 or 30 October. The tickets will provide boxes and access to the clubhouse.

For transportation or information see Special Services.



## Scuttlebutt

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: Chuck Taylor receives a letter every day from an unknown female admirer who numbers each envelope to show how many she has sent him. . . . Another Oak Knoll romance culminated happily last Wednesday when Sally Horton of 67B and Richard Neathery of X-Ray were married at the home of an Oakland Municipal Court Judge . . . Now it's Mr. and Mrs. Roy Breitenbach. Ye editor and Cecilia Cunha were married in the Chapel last Saturday and are now living on Circle Hill Drive, a stone's throw away from the hospital . . . Bob Handley and Betty Curtis are busy with plans for a 1 November wedding here . . . Ruth Quire and Marian Steenvoort motored to Monterey last week end to see former Knollite, Mary Karen Sherer . . . Exec's Sec Donna Cruzan and her mother, Mrs. Minnie Jack of Metabolic Research, headed south Thursday for a holiday at Camp Pendleton and Corona . . . CDR Gale Clark's facial contours are suffering from parotitis, commonly known as mumps . . . No need for Marion Beck's tiny black spaniel, Pogo, to fear the dark. His tail, fresh from surgery, resembles a red reflector . . .

**LIFE BEGINS DEPARTMENT:** On 5 October LTJG Ralph B. Reaume and his wife, Esther, welcomed their first child, a 4 lb. 15 oz. daughter whom they've named Claire Marie . . . LTJG Charles R. Ashworth and wife, Carol, are the parents of David Charles, who tipped the scales at 7 lbs. 14 oz., when he arrived on 16 October. He is their second child . . . CDR Dean Schufeldt now is the father of three girls. His wife, Phyllis, and 8 lb. 5½ oz. baby daughter, Dana Rae, who arrived on 20 October, are both doing nicely . . . And so are Catherine Denise and Connie Minnehan, daughter and wife of Lawrence Minnehan, HN, Ward Corpsman on 61A. Eight-pound Cathy arrived on 21 October . . . Friends of Photographer Carl Stevenson and Colleen will enjoy the communique they issued to announce the birth of their son, Michael Carl, on 15 October. The center of interest is a portrait of the young man himself, with his happy sisters, Vicki and Sherry, telling the news.

**OAKNOLLUMNI:** From the FMF in Japan comes a letter from HM3 Bill Wilson saying, "I miss all the Oak Knoll gang and reading the OAK LEAF."

## Tickets on Sale for Navy Band Appearance

The United States Navy Band will make a personal appearance at the Oakland High School Auditorium, Park Boulevard and MacArthur Boulevard, Saturday, 31 October 1953. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Oakland Child Welfare Benefit, the matinee starts at 1400 and the evening performance at 2000.

Evening prices are \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children, while matinee tickets sell at \$1.00 and \$.50 respectively. Special Services now has tickets available.

She—"What are you thinking of?"  
He—"Nothing."  
She—"Oh, do take your mind off yourself!"



Eight students graduated from the ORT course in Surgery 2 at 1330, Friday, 16 October, when CDR Wesley Fry, MC, USN, Assistant Chief of Surgery (standing), presented the diplomas. William F. Young, HN (extreme left), was the honorman of the class with an average of 95. Others graduating were John L. Glynn, HN, Lyle J. Bainbridge, HN, Helen Snelbaker Storey, HM3, Thomas Goudeau, HN, Francis R. Holthaus, HN, Edward Trett, HM3, James F. Shifflet, HN. All remained at Oak Knoll with the exception of Holthaus and Shifflet, who were transferred to USNH, Mare Island, for duty.

## Dr. Canty Speaks; Gets New Honors

CAPT T. J. Canty, Chief of the Amputee Service, spoke at the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the American Fracture Association at Mission Inn, Riverside, last week and returned with an honorary membership in the association.

The membership scroll was presented to Dr. Canty by Dr. Henry W. Meyerding of Mayo Clinic, president of the association.

Chairman for the meeting at which orthopedic surgeons from all parts of the nation were present, was Dr. Alfred E. Gallant of Los Angeles. Special guests were Navy doctors from the hospitals at Camp Pendleton and Corona, among them CAPT Julian Love, former Exec at Oak Knoll and present CO at Corona.

## Costume Party Slated For Officers Club Friday

The annual Halloween Costume Party will be held at the Officers' Club Friday night, 30 October. Dancing will begin at 2100, and prizes for the best costumes will be awarded at 2200.

Norval Knight, who has been so well received at previous parties, will furnish the dance music.

Tickets may be obtained from Mr. Walter at the EST Laboratory, Miss Ireson, 70A, or Mr. Spencer, Finance. They are \$1.25 each. Free baby-sitter service will be provided.

"You should meet my husband. He makes a living with his pen."  
"Ch, so he's a writer?"  
"No, he raises pigs."

## Staff Personalities

One of the "Career Men" that is stationed here is Robert Thompson, HM2, of Staff Personnel Office. A native of Arizona, Bob joined the Navy in July 1947 and was sent to San Diego for HCS and Recruit training. Among the variety of duty stations he was at USNH, Bethesda and Laulaia, Hawaii. Bob reported to Oak Knoll in June of 1951 and was assigned to his present job at Staff Personnel. Before he enlisted in the Navy he worked on a ranch. Like most Navy career men Bob builds model ships in his free time, also fishes and hunts.



Ruth C. Christiansen, a civilian employee who handles the processing desk in the Medical Board, Ward 67B, has been on this job since August 1952. After her graduation from Dwight High School, Dwight, Illinois, her home town, she worked for the

Illinois Bell Telephone Company and went to the Jones Commercial College, Chicago, for a short time. Besides enjoying social dancing, she feels herself at home on roller skates, and has been bowling with the Inter-hospital League. Ruth toured Texas with her girl friend on her way out to California. They both live a short drive from Oak Knoll.





# Hospital Keglers Defeat District Communications

The Oak Knoll Bowling season got underway as the local team defeated the District Communications squad by sweeping the three-game series last Monday night.

The top team game for the Knollites was an 883 series in the second contest. In the first heat the locals rolled 805, while in the third they threw a 792 series. Total pins felled by the bowling squad in winning all three games was 2,480.

Vic Irving had a 563 series for the evening high, while HMC H. E. Engen was second with a 515.

Other bowlers were Team-captain, Chaplain Vosseler, LT P. M. Griffith, and HM3 L. E. Hoosier.

## CSR, X-Ray I Sweep Series in First Night

The Intrahospital League kicked off the bowling season Tuesday, 20 October, with CSR and X-Ray I sweeping the series from their opponents, X-Ray II and Finance Civilians.

Will Fry of CSR turkeyed out in the last game against X-Ray II, to highlight the evening of play.

X-Ray I had the evening's highest total pins by one player in a series when Richard Neathery came up with 531.

Eighteen teams have entered the Intrahospital Bowling League, and the squads will bowl once a week. It will be a single round-robin tournament with seventeen weeks of bowling for each squad.

## Football Games on TV

Interservice Football Games will clash on television, Channel 5, KPIX, commencing 1400 on Saturdays.

24 Oct., Edwards AFB vs. Presidio.

31 Oct., Mather AFB vs. Presidio.

7 Nov., Unscheduled vs.

14 Nov., NAS Ala. vs. NavSta TI.

21 Nov., Camp Stoneman vs. Presidio.



(1) Glenn Hayward, KRON-TV announcer and Master of Ceremonies at the stage show which took place Monday at 1900 in the auditorium, tries to control his little pal who keeps insisting that the features of Howard Eastwood, the pianist (4), are quite extraordinary. (2) Betty Danielson, who performed at the Latin Quarter and the Blue Angel in New York, climaxes her performance with "Jeepers Creepers, Where Did You Get Those Peepers." (3) Maureen, the girl with the steel guitar, besides playing "Indian Love Call" and a number of other songs, brought down the house with her versatile singing and dancing act. (4) Jeannie Faye, tap dancer and singer, caused a sensation when she went through her imitations of Gene Kelly, in a soft-shoe act; Eleanor Powell, to the music of "You Are My Lucky Star"; Vera Ellen, danced to George Gershwin's music, and gave an interpretation of "Dark Eyes." The variety show was produced by Mrs. Esther England, Red Cross Worker of the Oakland Chapter, who has brought many similar shows to Oak Knoll.

## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 25 October

CITY THAT NEVER SLEEPS—William Tallman, Gig Young, and Mala Powers, MYSTERY. Rating: Good. Here is a story of a city's heartbeat. It concerns Chicago and one of its policemen, infatuated with a honky-tonk dancer. The movie swings from penthouses to slums, and from cops to killers.

Monday, 26 October

CHAMP FOR A DAY—Alex Nicol and Audrey Totter, SPORTDRAMA. Rating: Good. Burning leather and right crosses are the theme of this movie. It is the story of a prizefighter who tries to find the murderer of his manager. No holds are barred, and it is the first time in a long while that there has been a fight picture at the flicker house.

Tuesday, 27 October

The movie for the night has been cancelled. Instead, "Randy" Nissen will return with her troupe for another engagement at the theater.

Wednesday, 28 October

SWEETHEARTS ON PARADE—Ray Middleton, Lucille Norman, and Eileen Christy, MUSICAL. Rating: Good. The medicine show comes to town and gives the cast a chance to sing. The story takes place in a small town in Indiana, circa 1870. Love, gaiety, and songs are on the schedule for all who go to see this feature.

Thursday, 29 October

KEY LARGO—Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, MYSTERY. Rating: Good. Strong-man Bogart returns to Oak Knoll screens in this "second-glance" gangster movie, after a long absence. When Mr. Bogart steps into a situation you can be sure of ninety thrill-packed minutes of movie.

Friday, 30 October

HOUSE OF WAX—Vincent Price, Phyllis Kirk, and Frank Lovejoy, MURDER MYSTERY. Rating: Good. This is a 3-D made into a "flat" for regular theaters. After a successful life as a sculptor, the leading man turns murderer when he is confronted with an accident early in his career. Mr. Price does a wonderful job of keeping the viewers on the edge of their seats.

Saturday, 31 October

BANDITS OF THE WEST—Alan Lane and Eddy Waller, WESTERN. Rating: Fair. Dust off those buckskins and saddle up your pony, for this is another cowboy flicker. There are the usual fisticuffs and shootings, and Marshal Lane's job is to clean up the local mess and capture the "badman."

## Special Prices to Men In Uniform for Races

A special price of 50 cents admission has been offered by the Oakland Baseball Park to servicemen in uniform who wish to attend the auto races.

Time trials are at 1300, while the heats are at 1400. Hard-top races always prove a thrill and here is your chance to get in for less than the paying public.

## Marines Squeeze Past Hilltoppers

On 14 October, the San Francisco Marine five won a close battle over the Hilltoppers' football squad by a score of 40-35 on a rain-drenched field, the locals playing nip and tuck football until the undefeated opponents scored in the last quarter and held on to gain the victory.

In the first quarter the Hilltoppers took the lead. Will Fry, offensive captain, piloted his team to its own 30-yard line, then shot a pass to Ironman Fred Guith, who scampered fifty yards for a TD. With Art Duso making a key block to shake Guith loose, quarterback Fry threw another pass for the extra point to make the score 7-0. The Marines came back to knock the score at 7-7 as the quarter ended.

The Hilltoppers came back with a long march that ended when Chas. Leonard took the pigskin over to pay dirt from the 5-yard line. Will Fry then hit for the extra point, and the Knollites went out ahead, 14-7, but not for long. The undaunted Marines roared back to score a touchdown and an extra point, making the score 14-14 when the gun went off to end the half.

The second half opened with the Knollites receiving. Jack Young picked up the pigskin on the 15-yard line and galloped 85 yards for a touchdown. The Hilltoppers' line folded and trapped Will Fry. He shook loose from the three and ran the extra point. With the score 21-14 the Marines took to the air to tie the score up again at 21-21.

That was the first of two long runs made by the Oak Knoll five. Fred Guith took the ball on the 30-yard line and exploded for a 70-yard run and handed the lead back to the Hilltoppers. The combination, Fry-Guith, scored the conversion to make the score 28-21. The see-saw battle was still on as the spirited Marine squad came back, only to be held until the third quarter ended. Big Fred Guith now leads the team scoring department with 36 points.

In the fourth quarter, the fighting, undefeated Marines bounced back to score on a 55-yard run. Their conversion failed, and the score read 28-27. The Oak Knoll squad then ran into some bad luck when they were penalized 30 yards. A poor punt set up the next TD for the Marines to give them a 34-28 lead. The locals then took the ball on the kick-off and with Will Fry leading them, marched 75 yards on a series of nine plays. Stopped on the 4-yard line, Will Fry plunged over to pay dirt and ran the conversion to put the home boys in command by a slim lead of 35-34. The Marines once again showed their power when in five plays they went 70 yards to a touchdown and took back the hard-held lead with a 40-35 score.

Time was running out on the locals. They took the pigskin and marched down to the three-yard line, where Young swept around an end for a TD which was called back. Fry took to the air and shot a pass to Guith, which failed. The gun went off to end the game, and the score read 40-35 in favor of the San Francisco Marines.

The Oak Knoll club had a chance to break their three-game losing streak when they met District Communications at T. I., Wednesday

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# THE OAK LEAF



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Saturday, 31 October, 1953



Heads of the four hospitals served by the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee talk over Christmas plans with President Nat Levy (right). They are COL Frank H. Lane, Parks Air Force Base Hospital; CAPT Bradley, Dr. H. S. Collisi, Veterans Administration Hospital, Livermore, and William Dann, Veterans Administration Hospital, Oakland.



Staff photographer Carl Stevenson snapped this picture of Lonnie Wilson, Oakland Tribune photographer, shooting a picture of Joseph R. Knowland, Tribune publisher, and Mary Valle, secretary-treasurer of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee, when the group met at the Officers' Club last week. Mr. Knowland has backed the committee during its 29 years of service.

## Santa Claus' Assistants Get Ready For Oak Knoll Visit

Santa Claus' assistants from the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee were aboard last week to make a preliminary survey of hospital chimneys and give members of the staff a preview of the gifts he'll distribute here on his eleventh annual visit to Oak Knoll.

The Christmas Committee, a group of warm-hearted Oakland citizens who began their work at the Livermore VA Hospital 29 years ago and have since added Oak Knoll, the VA hospital in downtown Oakland, and Parks Air Force Base Hospital to their list, works each year to see that servicemen and veterans hospitalized in this community are generously remembered at Christmas.

With funds raised from among individuals and organizations in the Oakland area, the committee will decorate Oak Knoll from stem to stern. During Christmas week they will present an all-professional show bringing the finest talent available in the Bay Area to the local stage, and on Christmas morning Santa Claus will present an appropriate gift to every patient aboard. In addition to all this the group will provide music and entertainment on the wards on Christmas day.

Some 50 persons attended the dinner meeting here on 21 October. Captain Bradley welcomed the guests and turned the meeting over to Nat Levy, East Bay industrialist now serving his second year as president of the group.

Mr. Levy spoke of the need for con-

tinued interest in the patients, even though the war is over, and Joseph R. Knowland, publisher of the Oakland Tribune, who has supported the work of the committee through his paper for the past 29 years, said:

"This is a way to bring recognition to those who were willing to sacrifice (Continued on Page 2)

## Why Support UFD 100%? Here Are a Few Good Reasons

Suppose your wife's or mother's illness was diagnosed as cancer. Suppose some member of your family has a heart attack or is crippled by arthritis. Wouldn't you wish desperately that there were something YOU could do? Something that would make you feel that you were helping her to get well?

There is something you can do—NOW, rather than when it is too late.

You can contribute to three organizations that are constantly studying these diseases in an effort to find the best treatment and, if possible, a cure. These are the Alameda County Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, three



These three HN's, Mary Lou Klemick, Jane Harkins, and Anna Smerlick, were all set to set sail Monday when they said good-bye to Oak Knoll. They are the first WAVES from Oak Knoll to volunteer for duty at sea. Jane and Anna have been on the Oak Knoll staff since 10 January, 1953, and had been together through Boot Camp at Bainbridge, Md., and Corps School at Great Lakes. Mary Lou had her HCS training at Bainbridge and came to Oak Knoll last New Year's Day. Following ten-day leaves, they will report to Military Sea Transport Service, Pacific Area, for assignment.

### UFD BOX SCORE

Military Personnel —	\$2800 pledged,
	\$2400 of which has been collected.
Civilian Personnel —	\$4000 pledged,
	\$2700 collected.
Total Pledges .....	\$ 6,800
Total Cash .....	\$ 5,100
GOAL .....	\$12,000

### 100 PERCENTERS

Laundry, Disbursing, Fire Department, Security Officers' Club, Food Service, Maintenance Office, Gardeners, Laborers, Machine Shop, Paint Shop.

of the many beneficiaries in the current United Crusade being carried on throughout the Bay Area and in the hospital's own United Fund Drive.

"These three organizations alone are good reasons for generous giving," CAPT R. S. Poos, chairman of the drive, said in speaking to a group of solicitors this week. "In addition to these, there are approximately 100 other health and welfare organizations in the community who also need all the support they can get," the Captain said.

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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Words are powerful. The use we make of them reveals us to the persons around us. It is well to take heed how we use them. They have the power to hurt and destroy, to soothe and heal.

One of the worst tragedies that can befall a person comes when he can no longer be taken at his word. This inevitably occurs when the words spoken are but words and are not held in honor—broken promises. To break our word with others breaks the trust they have in us. Healthy relationships are not possible without a healthy respect for the words we speak.

Choose well the words you speak. Once spoken, they cannot be recalled, but go on and on for better or for worse. To be sure, they will find their mark.

The right well-chosen word spoken in season has come as a blessing to the hurt and discouraged. By the same token ill-spoken words have caused countless tragedies and hurts.

"Many a shaft at random sent

Finds mark the archer little meant;

And many a word at random spoken

May soothe or wound a heart that's broken."

L. C. M. VOSSELER,  
Protestant Chaplain.

## More About Christmas Committee

(Continued from Page 1)

all they had for their country—their lives." Mr. Knowland praised the work of committee members and expressed his pleasure at being able to help in "this wonderful work."

Serving with Mr. Levy during the holiday season will be Thomas V. Adams, coordinator for Oak Knoll for the second year; John Morin, first vice-president and chairman of decorations; William C. Groeniger, Jr., second vice-president and chairman of entertainment; Miss Mary Valle, secretary-treasurer; H. Buford Fisher, finance; Mrs. Myrtle Geary, gifts; Raymond P. Benton, personnel; Hart Eastman, public relations; and Thomas Mullen, transportation.

Committee directors are B. A. Fors-

terer, Thomas V. Adams, Mrs. Mary E. Lee, Mrs. Anna F. Mullins, and Joseph Tofanelli. Elmer P. Zollner and Arthur Daniels are coordinators for Livermore and Oakland VA Hospitals, and John Groom is in charge of the work at Parks. Other committee members attending last week's "kick-off" dinner were Past Presidents R. C. Bitterman and Donald W. Henderson.

Here to represent other hospitals served by the committee were COL Frank H. Lane, Commanding Officer of Parks Air Force Base Hospital and his Adjutant, MAJ J. L. Gross; Dr. Harrison S. Collisi, Manager, and Walter Kipp, Special Services Officer, Livermore Veterans Hospital; William Dann, manager of the Oakland Veterans Hospital, his assistant manager, Samuel Franks, and Special Services Officer, M. R. Kahn.

## Welcome and Farewell

Business was very meager this week when only eight new staff members reported aboard, seven were detached and one released to inactive duty.

Reporting in were LT Louise Bareford, NC, USN, from USNH, San Diego; HN's J. D. Brooks, T. A. Cunningham, P. W. Gevas, J. L. Oates, R. E. Payne, J. G. Rochford, and HA J. W. Watkins, from USNH, San Diego.

Detached were CAPT Anton Zikmund, MC, USN, to USNH, NMMC, Bethesda, Md.; LT Daisy M. Rhodes, NC, USN, to Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nevada; A. Crawford, SD1, to USS BOXER; HN's C. R. Kammin, MARBKS, Camp Pendleton; M. L. Klemick, J. Harkins, A. Smerlick to HDQTSCOMSTPAC-AREA, 33 Berry St., San Francisco.



These Red Cross Staff trainees in recreation and social work are currently taking their course at Oak Knoll. From left to right are Recreation Aides Dawn Sparling, Anita De Urioste, Violet Ward, Joanne Weatherington, Jo Anne Wood and Assistant Field Director Mary Fleagle. Miss Sparling's home is in Berkeley and she attended the University of California, majoring in social institutions. San Francisco is the home of Miss De Urioste, another U.C. graduate, with majors in history, psychology and business administration. Industrial design was the interest of Miss Ward while she attended the Institute of Design at Chicago near her home town of Evanston, Illinois. The third Cal graduate in the training class is Joanne Weatherington of Richmond, a history and psychology major. The College of Puget Sound in her home town of Tacoma, Wash., was Miss Wood's choice. There she majored in sociology and physical education. After graduating from Wilson College in Pennsylvania, Miss Fleagle continued her studies in the graduate school of social work at the University of Pennsylvania, where she received her master's degree. Baltimore is her home town.

## Red Cross Ramblings

Have a good eye, a steady hand, or just a little luck for a change? Monday night, 2 November, will be a super time in the Red Cross Lounge. It's the night of the big carnival with novelties, fun, prizes, and games galore. This is one affair not to miss. (There'll be some girls on hand to root for you!)

### SPOOKY SHINDIGS

Not only one, but two, Halloween parties have been scheduled at the Red Cross Lounge. Thursday night, 29 October, and Tuesday night, 3 November, are the dates of these special dances. We have many new hostesses to help celebrate the occasions. Let's not forget these gala affairs!

### NEW GROUP ENTERTAINS

Thursday evening, 22 October, was a big affair on Wards 41A and 41B. The VFW Auxiliary, Laurel, under the guidance of Mrs. Correia, helped the men to sneak up on Halloween. Delicious home-made pumpkin pies topped with whipped cream were the special treat for the evening which followed an exciting Bingo game. Many thanks are to be extended to this fine group for their first program at Oak Knoll and we look forward to their early return.

Contribute now to UFD; contribute once for all.

### Cut Prices For Movie

The great motion picture, "Martin Luther" will be shown at the Grand Lake Theatre, located at Grand Avenue and MacArthur Blvd. in Oakland.

Tickets are offered at cut rate price to patients and staff at the hospital and may be acquired at the Chaplain's Office, Main Chapel.

Matinee starts at 1300, 1500, and 1655 at the reduced price of seventy cents, while evening performances commence at 1850, 2045, and 2240 for ninety cents.

A couple of girls handed the cashier at a cafeteria, on their way out, a slip of paper with the numbers 10041 on it. This satisfied the cashier, who let them pass without paying. Why?

Well, it reads: "I owe nothing. I ate nothing."

Join the Payroll Savings Plan and prepare for that rainy day.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900

Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday

HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday

morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

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## EENT Gets a "Well Done" Via Com 12

From: Lieutenant Joseph W. Spavor, USN (Ret.) #91934.

To: The Commandant, Twelfth Naval District.

Subject: Treatment at U.S. Naval Hospital Oakland—Report on.

1. I was recently admitted to the U.S. Naval Hospital Oakland for an operation on my throat. I was admitted one day and the operation was performed the next day. My particular case came under the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic and the operation was performed by Comdr. Wallace E. Allen (MC), USN, assisted by Lt-Comdr. J. B. Dominey, Jr. (MC), USN.

2. Doctor Allen impressed me as being very efficient, he was most courteous, and his general demeanor gave me every confidence in his ability. As a matter of fact his entire department impressed me as being very efficient and courteous.

3. I am most appreciative of the services rendered to me and feel compelled to invite the Commandant's attention to this matter.

J. W. SPAVOR,  
Danville, California.



# Knoll Consultant Reports on Multiple Sclerosis Studies

A paper on multiple sclerosis prepared at the University of California Medical School and the Metabolic Research Facility of this hospital was presented on 17 October at the 111th meeting of the San Francisco Branch of The American Federation for Clinical Research.

The paper deals with interesting studies on the defects in chemical activity of the brain in multiple sclerosis. This work is concerned with the recognition of a specified defect in metabolism that heretofore has not been appreciated. It is hoped that this discovery will lead to improved methods of treating this baffling and crippling disease.

Significant collaboration in these studies was provided through the microbiological determinations performed in the biochemical laboratory of the Metabolic Research Facility. The paper was read by Dr. John E. Adams, Civilian Consultant in Neurosurgery at this hospital, and is entitled, "The Cerebral Metabolism of Glutamic Acid in Multiple Sclerosis."

Representing Oak Knoll at the meeting were LT's Walton W. Shreeve, Paul D. Doolan, and Paul R. Schloerb, and Maxine Hutchins, biochemist, as well as Dr. Harold A. Harper, research consultant.

## DDC-VUES PRE-VUES

**Sunday, 1 November**  
**MAN IN THE DARK**—Edmund O'Brien and Audrey Totter, MYSTERY. Rating: Very good. This is a 3-D film made into a "flat." The story features a criminal who is in the big house on a robbery rap. While there, he undergoes a brain operation that is an experiment to find why he has a tendency to be a crook. Everything from fighting to love comes in this film.

**Monday, 2 November**  
**EL PASO STAMPEDE**—Allan Rocky Lane and Eddy Waller, WESTERN. Rating: Fair. This movie could have been named "cowboys in wartime," for that is its theme. "Rocky" returns in another formula Western, and the two points that set it off from the others are its time, the Spanish-American War and its villain, a dentist.

**Tuesday, 3 November**  
**SEMINOLE**—Rock Hudson and Barbara Hale, DRAMA. Rating: Very good. Here is a technicolor production about a West Point grad who is sent to an Army post commanded by a sadistic captain to help clear the Seminole Indians from the Everglades. Miss Hale is there to help out Rock Hudson with a little love-making on the side.

**Wednesday, 4 November**  
**GIRL IN EVERY PORT**—Groucho Marx and William Bendix, COMEDY. Rating: Very good. Ahoy, Sailors! Here is a story of the two most unbelievable sailors in the Navy. If Marx and Bendix are just half as good in this flicker as they are on television, this movie will be just short of a riot.

**Thursday, 5 November**  
**OMBAY WATERFRONT AND KNOCK-OUT PARADE OF 1952**—There is no information on the first film, but the second flicker consists of great championship fights of the past three years. So you can expect to see Joe Louis, Sugar Ray Robinson, and Rocky Marciano on this evening's double feature.

**Friday, 6 November**  
**THE CRUEL SEA**—Jack Hawkins and Donald Sinden, SEADRAMA. Rating: Excellent. Here is the British movie all the reading public has been waiting for. It is a best-seller story about an English Corvette in World War II, put on film. This is a universal story of ships, men, and the sea, packed with action and drama.

**Saturday, 7 November**  
**MERRY MIRTHOUAKES**—Liberace and Leon Errol, MUSICAL. Rating: Fair. Here is a picture for music lovers. Liberace plays a piece on the piano, introduces a short skit, then another number, another skit, and so on throughout the movie.

## Scuttlebutt

**SIGNS OF THE SEASON:** Yellow poplars sprinkling yellow leaves on lawns around 45A and B . . . Dave Nelson wrapping himself up in winter gear for a week-end duck-hunting trip . . . skeletons and goblins dancing on the walls at WAVE quarters . . . LTJG Doerpinghaus striding across the compound, a la Father Time, with a weed cutter in his hand . . . Jeanette Ramirez ordering the CO's Mail Room file folders for '54 . . . LT Charles Thompson and Jesse Freudenthal making plans for Thanksgiving dinner . . . UFD solicitors making their rounds.

**PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:** Joan Kunkel watched Walt "Strong Man" Baptiste lift a heavy weight at the staff dance, worried for fear it was too heavy for him and after his act, carefully carried the giant dumbbell off the stage . . . Gerry Bourne was surprised twice last week when patients on her ward whooped it up on Friday, and WAVES in Barracks 127 gave her a party Saturday, her birthday . . . Tiny Mary Cooper from Finance's equipment section looks lost in her great big light blue '53 Mercury, but she doesn't feel that way . . . Marty Marx's car became involved in an argument over a parking space in one of the nearby recreation areas, came out of it with a horseshoe-shaped dent in one fender. The other party to the argument was a horse . . . Those noises like a machine gun were traced to the area back of the Ad Building Annex, where the bank has been drilled for planting shrubs. When last seen the gunners were moving on up "Cardiac Hill," hunting more places to make foxholes for flowers . . . Harold Hitz happily reports he has at last poured the cement in his Calandria Avenue patio . . . Don Pusich played cricket at Redwood Regional Park last Sunday . . . We'll soon be seeing double. Betty Leo's twin sister, another WAVE, will report in sometime this week . . . Lola Cochran of Civilian Payroll has traded her old Ford off on a Gray Plymouth, vintage '52 . . . Dr. John Jacobs was busy sewing on his lieutenant's stripes this week. His promotion came through, with date of rank 27 April, 1949.

**GENTLE SPORT:** SGT Eugene Bryce, NAS Oakland, is here recovering from a shoulder injury. "Hit shoulder when accidentally bumped another man during football game," the accident report read. DT3 Henry Cooper, Moffett field, "injured back when tackled in football game," and Donald Blackerby, AO3, "Ball Carrier (NAS San Diego) sustained injury (neck sprain) when tackled in football game" . . . Bill Kerr has a laceration of lower lip and chin. He stopped a golf ball driven 30 yards by another player at Lake Chabot.

**EVER NOTICE** that of the 84 windows in the Ad Building, only one sports a fine striped awning?

**LIFE BEGINS:** The younger set added two to its census this week—Glenn Albert Chaplin, Jr., son of HM3 Chaplin of Lab School and his wife, Jeanette . . . and Mary Christine Hubauer, daughter of X-ray's HM3 Charles E. Hubauer and wife Elizabeth. The new boy weighs 5 lbs., 7½ oz., the girl, 7 lbs. 5 oz. Glenn arrived on the 21st, Mary the 22nd. Both are firsts.



ENS Virginia A. Sorby and LT Phyllis Hanwell, chairman of Nurse Corps solicitors, are among those who are pushing the United Fund Drive toward a successful conclusion. Staff nurses up until Wednesday night had contributed \$1185, which meant that more than 80 per cent of the hospital's 152 nurses had joined the United Crusade and that their gifts to date have averaged more than \$10. Not to be outdone by the nurses, the 34 Medical Service Corps Officers and other non-Medical officers, for whom LTJG Richard D. DeWitt is solicitor, have contributed \$350, also an average of more than \$10 per person.

"Do you believe that dark-haired men marry first?"  
 "No, it's the light-headed ones."

"Well I finally got into the movies."  
 "How did you do it?"  
 "Paid them a quarter."

## Staff Personalities

"Friendship is love without wings," is how the old saying goes, but these two people put wings on friendship and are planning to be married in the near future.



There's a bit of flame in the treatment room of Ward 40A. She's red-haired Sue Champlin, HN, of Rittman, Ohio. A "salt" since 29 October, 1952, she went through recruit training at Bainbridge, and Corps School at Great Lakes, before landing at Oak Knoll on 25 June 1953.

Sue has been on the same job since her arrival except for one night's duty in the Main Nursery. A graduate of Rittman High School, Sue likes to sew, dance, play tennis, and watch softball and football, but her main interest is Jack Seeber. She and Jack tentatively plan on making a husband, wife, team in July of next year and eventually head back East.

The man to have the last word is a radio announcer and that is exactly what Jack Seeber, HM1, of X-Ray, was before he donned the Navy blue. He is from Hannibal, Missouri, but did most of his broadcasting from a Barstow, California, station. Jack entered the Navy way back in November 1947, took his recruit and HCS training at San Diego, and was then stationed at the Marine Base at Barstow from 1948-50. He arrived here in March to attend X-Ray Technician School. Before coming to Oak Knoll he had duty aboard the GENERAL MANN and on that assignment visited places like Panama, Germany, and Egypt. Later the GENERAL BRECKINRIDGE took Jack to Japan and back.







# Hilltoppers, Fry, Snap Three-Game Losing Streak by Winning 27-26

With Will Fry and Jack Young scoring all the TD's, the Oak Knoll Football squad snapped a three-losing streak by slipping past District Communications on Treasure Island grounds, Wednesday, 21 October with a score of 27-26.

The passing attack of the locals was halted completely when it was found that the wind was too strong and the passes just didn't connect.

In the opening quarter, the Hilltoppers drew first blood when Will Fry took the ball for a 45-yard run and then Jack Young took the hide to pay dirt. Fry was trapped when the line folded and he was forced to run the extra point.

Communications bounced back to score on a short pass and long run to tie the score at 7-7.

On the kickoff, Wise, a newcomer to the team, took the pigskin and raced 60 yards. Young took the ball on a handoff from Fry and scored the locals' second TD, but Fry was unable to score the extra point. The opponents came back with a tally of their own to squeeze ahead 14-13 at the half.

In the second half, it was Fry's turn to explode for 70 yards and a touchdown. Young took over at quarterback and converted to make the score 20-14. Still within the opponents' reach, the Oak Knoll club continued to roll on when Fry broke loose for a touchdown on a kick-off play. He then passed to Guith for the conversion to make the board read 27-14 and boosted Fred Guith's scoring to 37 points. He still is the leader in this department.

The opponents came roaring back

to score two more TD's, but the local's defense held to stave off what looked like an almost certain District Communications victory in the closing seconds of the game.

When the tallies were added, the score read Oak Knoll 27, District Communications 26, bringing the Hilltopper's won, lost, record to 3-3.

Dick Baer played his first game on offense and was used as a pass receiver. Wise and Glen Marcus were new additions to the team.

The locals played Port Chicago there Wednesday, too late for this paper. Watch next week's OAK LEAF for the results of the game.

## Six Hospital Bowling Squads Tied for First

As the first week closed on the Intrahospital Bowling League, six teams were tied in first place—CPO, X-Ray I, Mustangs (ex-enlisted men and officers), CS&R, EST Students, and Lab I. All had swept their three-game series.

X-Ray I had the week's highest total pins by one player in a series when Richard Neathery came up with a 531. Second place for this week went to J. F. Swanson of the CPO squad.

Only the Dental and the Nurses' teams have a make-up in this first week of bowling.

Here are the complete standings:

STANDINGS	Won	Lost	Pts.
CPO	3	0	4
X-Ray I	3	0	4
Mustangs	3	0	4
CS&R	3	0	4
EST Students	3	0	4
Lab I	3	0	4
EST I	3	0	3
Transportation	3	0	3
Lab II	0	3	1
Nurses II	0	3	1
Finance Civilian	0	3	0
X-Ray II	0	3	0
NP Service	0	3	0
Cops (Security)	0	3	0
Alders (ALD)	0	3	0
Finance Personnel	0	3	0
*Nurses I	0	0	0
*Dental	0	0	0

\*Make-up games are required.

## Ward 42A to Show Hunt Movies Today

Invitations are extended to anyone interested in seeing a movie on Ward 42A, to take place at 1000 this morning (Saturday). The color movie was taken at a pheasant and duck hunt at Tule Lake, on the Oregon border, last November, when 23 Oak Knoll patients, Korean veterans, enjoyed what Tule Lake residents say is the "best shooting in the world."

The movie is being shown preliminary to organizing a group of Korea casualties to fly to Tule Lake on a similar outing the week end of 20 November.



Spirits, goblins, and Halloween fun were all present at the staff dance last Friday night, and so were a group of outstanding entertainers. Magan Baptiste (left), wife of Walt Baptiste, the famous "body" man, was one of the hits of the evening. This is the second time that she and her husband have appeared at Oak Knoll. Another one of the four acts presented was John Molinari (right) the world-known virtuoso of the accordion and once of Fred Waring's Radio Show. The other two acts not pictured here were John Baptiste, "Mind Over Body," and Haskell and Company, in a comedy-magic routine. The 12ND Band from Treasure Island provided the music for the dancing, and the pianist-vocalist provided variety to the program. The success of the party was due to the hard work of the Recreation Committee and Special Services.

## Hospital Keglers Beat Mare Island In Second Series

The Hospital Keglers won their second series in a row when they defeated a powerful Mare Island team by winning two games out of three Monday night at Treasure Island. This gives the locals a five won, one lost record in two series and places them around the top of the league.

HMC H. E. Engen moved into the evening's spotlight for the Knoll Keglers by rolling a 512 series. Wayne Powers of the Mare Island five had a 528 series to prove himself the evening's leading bowler.

Oak Knoll knocked down 2383 to Mare Island's 2346 total pins for the series. The games were close and Mare Island lacked only 37 pins to tie the Knollites in total pins for the evening.

Other bowlers were team captain, Chaplain Vosseler, LT P. M. Griffith, HM2 Vic Irving, and HM3 L. E. Hoosier.

The Hospital bowling squad will face NAS, Oakland, on the Knollites' hard lanes at 1930 Monday, 2 November.

## More About UFD . . .

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The American National Red Cross, whose services to hospitalized military men and women are but a very small part of its services to the nation, Navy Relief, the Navy's way to take care of its own in time of financial need, the United Defense Fund (USO), and East Bay Community Chest agencies will each get a share when Oak Knoll gives "Once, the United Way."

Patients and staff didn't have to worry about "smokes" this week. The P. Lorillard Company distributed king-size "Old Golds" to the wards. The staff received their free cigarettes at the Halloween Dance Friday night.



This is the third quiz published in the OAK LEAF to help the Corpsman in his everyday work. The quiz will appear alternately with cartoons dealing with the problems of a Corpsman.

This week's quiz will relate to census: (Match the right-hand column with those on the left.)

- |         |                              |
|---------|------------------------------|
| CLR ( ) | (1) Critical list            |
| A ( )   | (2) Absent over leave        |
| AOW ( ) | (3) Census last report       |
| TOW ( ) | (4) Admitted to hospital     |
| D ( )   | (5) Admitted from other ward |
| DD ( )  | (6) Serious list             |
| Occ ( ) | (7) Transfer to other ward   |
| Vac ( ) | (8) Discharge from hospital  |
| Cap ( ) | (9) Discharged by death      |
| L ( )   | (10) Occupied beds           |
| AOL ( ) | (11) Capacity beds           |
| PAL ( ) | (12) Vacant beds             |
| CL ( )  | (13) Leave or liberty        |
| SL ( )  | (14) Prisoner at large       |

## ANSWER TO QUIZ

- (9) ST (10) TOW (11) AOW (12) PAL (13) CL (14) SL (1) CLR (2) A (3) AOW (4) TOW (5) D (6) DD (7) Occ (8) Vac

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## 42 New Petty Officers To Sew on Crows

Effective 16 November, 43 Petty Officers will add stripes to their sleeves, while 42 HN's will wear the crow for the first time.

Promoted to 1st class will be: J. T. Noddin, DT2, A. D. Allard, FP2, and HM2's P. Cocco, A. H. Freeman, R. S. Grubb, W. S. Hickey, H. L. House, R. G. Malson, E. J. Minette, A. E. Scott, R. L. Searcy, Jr., P. R. Soisson, R. W. Thompson, W. Vanblaricom, D. W. Whitney, L. J. Woolstenhulme.

The new 2nd class Petty Officers will be: G. A. Lynch, L. E. Bussell, B. H. Foley, N. J. Frazee, S. F. Griffith, J. L. Henderson, J. A. Jellison, R. H. Jones, J. L. LeBlanc, G. M. Mirasol, M. D. Nicholson, H. W. Nickel, B. J. Petersen, C. G. Plyler, H. H. Powell, W. L. Siefert, E. G. Strawerman, Jr., and K. E. Vivian. Authorized to re-enlist into the regular Navy with the rate of 2nd class is M. F. Gillett.

To wear the crow for the first time are: E. F. Pon, DKS, W. T. Bailey, W. M. Biddle, Jr., W. L. Chew, D. A. Chapman, R. E. Conn, C. J. Cunha, J. M. Davis, R. M. Foster, R. M. Gesinski, P. G. Hammerness, J. R. Herbst, L. D. Hoffman, W. A. Kinsella, G. E. Kruckeberg, M. A. Kurlatz, H. Kuchera, B. J. Leo, T. T. Mathers, C. J. Mayfield, W. A. Marri-son, R. L. Mills, D. J. Montgomery, J. K. Mullen, W. R. Naylor, I. C. Orr, L. P. Peddetti, J. Pruitt, T. H. Ross, J. B. Root, H. Rurup, W. O. Salivar, W. A. Sanchez, R. S. Schmidt, W. B. Snook, C. E. Trover, R. M. Tucci, D. M. Watts, R. J. Wehner, G. West, Jr., J. Winningham, T. J. Williams.

Naval Reserve personnel initiating the crow on their left sleeves are: J. J. Faulkin, Jr., D. M. Folger, B. R. Fry, R. A. Haynes, D. Marx, R. G. McConnell and D. E. Mitchell.

## American Legion Bids Patients, Staff to Show

The American Legion has invited the patients and staff of Oak Knoll to a gigantic "Night of Stars" show to a gigantic "Night of Stars" show Wednesday, 11 November, to celebrate Armistice Day.

The program, filled with stars of radio, television, stage, and screen, will begin at 2100 at the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. Included among the stars will be Earl Schapiro and his band.

Tickets are now available at Special Services. Transportation will be furnished by the American Legion.

## Picked for Promotion

CDR Emanuel Rollins of the medical service and LCDR Leona Jackson, assistant chief nurse, are in line for congratulations. Both have been selected for promotion.

## Danish Doctor Visits Oak Knoll

Dr. Knud Jansen, Associate Chief of the Orthopaedic Hospital in Copenhagen, Denmark, studied American rehabilitation methods here last week.

The Danish orthopedist, sent to this country by his government, is a member of the Society and Home for Cripples in Copenhagen, an affiliate of the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples. He is particularly interested in polio patients since some 6000 of his fellow citizens were stricken by polio in the fall of 1952, 2500 of them becoming paralytics.

At Oak Knoll's walking clinic the doctor saw amputees put through their paces by CAPT T. J. Canty, and he saw patients crippled by polio learning to walk with the use of functional braces. Dr. Jansen said such braces have been used in Denmark since he got the idea from Dr. Canty when the two met in Stockholm, Sweden, two years ago at the Fifth World Congress of the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples.

"The most exciting thing about my visit here," Dr. Jansen said, "is seeing the high standing of the prosthetic work. I have gotten ideas that will help with a rehabilitation center we are planning—the first real rehabilitation center in Denmark."

At the Artificial Limb department Dr. Jansen spent considerable time learning how to make a below-knee suction socket, which limb makers in Denmark have said was impossible for them to produce.

"Another way you are ahead of us," he told members of the Oak Knoll staff, "is in your use of plastic material to replace wood. Plastic materials are so much lighter and more comfortable to wear and easier to shape."

Before coming to Oak Knoll, Dr. Jansen had visited hospitals in the major cities of the East. He will visit the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis at Warm Springs, Ga., before he returns to Denmark on 1 December.

## Human Relations Course Presented

A course in Human Relations is being presented by Charles Asbelle, Rehabilitation Specialist of the Amputee Service, to civilian employees at the hospital, and all personnel are invited to attend.

The first session was this week, and the second will be presented on Thursday, 12 November, at 1400. The topic will be "Improving Confidence and Morale."



Dr. Knud Jansen, Associate Chief of the Orthopaedic Hospital in Copenhagen, Denmark, inspects a Navy below-knee suction socket produced in the Artificial Limb Department. The Danish doctor and CAPT T. J. Canty, Chief of the Amputee Service, met in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1951 at the Fifth Congress of the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples.



Timothy P. Fitzgerald, CWOHC, USN, left, contemplates the new job he has taken over from LT Marion W. Long.

## CWO Fitzgerald Relieves LT Long

Wednesday, 28 October, started the third tour of duty at Oak Knoll for CWOHC Timothy P. Fitzgerald, USN, when he relieved LT Marion W. Long, MSC, USN, as Chief of Security and MAA Division, who left for FMF, first Combat Service Group at Camp Pendleton.

Mr. Fitzgerald held the same position in 1944 and 1945 on his first tour here. On his second, from 1951 to 1952, he worked in Civil Readjustment and Staff Personnel.

He reported here on 16 October from the USS POLLUX, where he served as Medical Stores Officer.

A Navy man since 1935, when he enlisted, Mr. Fitzgerald went through HCS at Portsmouth, Va., and Naval

Hospital Administration School at Bethesda, in 1950. Sea duty took him aboard the USS RANGER, USS COLORADO, Mobile Hospital No. 2, Pearl Harbor; Advanced Base Unit in Guadalcanal, Mobile Hospital No. 6, New Zealand, and the FMF, in 1947.

He lives in Oakland with his wife, Mildred, 8-year-old son Timothy, and 4-year-old daughter, Katherine.

LT Long started his Navy career as an enlisted man on 4 August 1931 and received his commission on 1 August 1944. His duties have taken him to the FMF in 1935 and aboard the USS WEST VIRGINIA, USS TEXAS, USS WASP, USS KAWEAH, and FMF Air Groups from Cherry Point to Okinawa, Eniwetok and Guam.



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### GIVE TILL IT HURTS

During the depression a charitable organization which raised funds partly through the sale of "scrap" received a large box of lead foil. It was weighed and found to be worth exactly \$1.80.

One of the workers in smoothing out a piece of the foil was amused to see that it came from the top of a champagne bottle.

She unrolled another piece and saw it was the same. Finally she unrolled every piece in the box and discovered they were all from the same source—the necks of champagne bottles.

The donor of the lead foil probably regarded the gift as a true act of charity. But how often we limit our giving to mere "leftovers," and really feel generous.

The United Crusade is in full swing and there are many who are unwilling to give even leftovers. Don't make excuses for not giving; they have all been heard. The true spirit of giving is not to worry where our charity goes but rather it involves a personal sacrifice; the greatest gift is part of ourselves. "If I . . . have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." (1 Corinthians 13:1)

Yes, there are three virtues, Faith, Hope, and Charity, and the greatest of these is Charity. Now we have an opportunity to concentrate on this by being generous with our excess material gifts—GIVE TILL IT HURTS.

LCDR EDMUND J. FORD  
Catholic Chaplain.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### FREE LESSONS OFFERED

Whether your interest is in piano, art, chess, French, Spanish or German lessons, the Red Cross has Gray Ladies to teach you. Develop those hidden talents! If you are unable to leave your ward, the volunteer Gray Lady can come to see you. Perhaps you've never had a lesson in your life. It's never too late to bring forth your talents. Contact your Red Cross worker to find out more about these interesting private lessons and classes.

### MOVIE SCHEDULES

The 16mm movies provided by the Red Cross this week will bring much good entertainment to the wards. Through Tuesday, 10 November, the ward movies will be "The Farmer Takes a Wife," with Betty Grable and Dale Robertson, and "The Great Sioux Uprising," co-starring Jeff Chandler and Faith Domerque. From Wednesday, 11 November, through Tuesday, 17 November, the two features will be "Small Town Girl," with Jane Powell and Farley Granger, and "Two Tickets to Broadway," in color, with Tony Martin and Janet Leigh.

### NEW GRAY LADIES

With the in-service training of our many new fine Gray Ladies the Red Cross expects to have bigger and better ward, craft, personal service, and lounge activities. Approximately 60 ladies from adjacent communities, after completing at least 25 hours of service at Oak Knoll, will be honored at a capping ceremony the first part of 1954. Let's all welcome these new Gray Ladies and make them feel right at home!

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

It's just about time to be thinking about your Christmas mailing list. Instead of buying your Christmas cards this year, why not put in a little thoughtful time and make them? The Red Cross Craft Shop enables the patients to make their cards either by block printing or finger painting — or perhaps an original idea might be developed. Personalized cards are always more fun to receive and lots of fun to make.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030  
Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN  
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON  
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015



SGT Dick Nooe types a letter home for his buddy, PFC Larry Hoistion.

## PFC Larry Hoistion, SGT Dick Nooe "See" Things Together on Ward 45B

Things looked pretty dark for PFC Lawrence P. Hoistion, USMC, 19, of Watertown, N. Y., when he got back from Korea. And they were, for he had been blinded by a dynamite charge that went off in his hands while his outfit (C Co., Third Battalion, 7th Regiment, First Marine Division) was engaged in what he describes as a "sort of mopping up" operation at Kansas Line not far from Panmunjom on 13 September.

The slim, soft-spoken, leatherneck, who had served 26 months in the Corps and three months as a gunner in Korea, cheered with his buddies when word of the peace got through to their outpost. They thought the danger was over, but it wasn't for Larry. The same charge of dynamite that cost him his sight blew off all the fingers of his right hand and the thumb and index finger of his left and caused minor injuries to both legs.

When Larry arrived at Oak Knoll on 16 October his morale had hit bottom.

But that was before he met 21-year-old SGT Dick Nooe of Redmond, Oregon, who was wounded 24 July, two minutes after he got into action against the communists and three days before the Armistice. The sergeant (serving with H Company, Third Battalion, 5th Regiment, 1st Marines) was hit in the legs and face by a hand grenade burst that killed several of his buddies. Doctors are still removing occasional splinters of wood and metal that slowly work out of his sightless eyes. His legs have healed, and he feels lucky to be alive, and he's managed to convince Larry that he is lucky too.

The two get around on Ward 45B in fine style, talking and joking with each other, and when Dick practices his typing, Larry stands by, sometimes giving him a bit of dictation.

They go on liberty with other patients—usually to a movie. "People might think it's funny we go to the movies," Larry said, laughing about it himself, "but you know, we get a lot of pleasure out of them—it's a good thing they invented the talkies."

In the evenings, the two boys go to dances at the Red Cross lounge or with the help of the Red Cross Gray ladies, they write letters home, and sometimes they telephone their families.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Handley

## Chapel Ceremony

In a double ring ceremony which took place at 1200, Saturday, 31 October, in the hospital Chapel, Betty Curtis, HN, of Staff Personnel, and Robert A. Handley, HN, of the Commissary, were united in marriage by LCDR Charles B. Knight, CHC, USNR, Catholic Chaplain.

The bride wore a white ballerina-length gown of nylon tulle, a satin bodice covered with net and a lace bolero with long tapered sleeves, and her veil was held in place by a close-fitting cap embroidered with seed pearls and rhinestones. She carried a bouquet of white roses with a white orchid in the center.

The Maid of Honor, Monica Boe, HM3, wore a yellow ballerina-length gown, and carried chrysanthemums in shades of rust and brown to match the crown on her head.

John Plauche, HM3, was best man. Chief B. M. Clement of EST School gave the bride away, and the wedding music was furnished by Norman Poplau, HN, organist, and Mrs. E. Reegan, soloist.

Betty, a graduate of William Chalmers High, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Curtis, of Independence, Missouri, and Bob, a graduate of Utica Free Academy, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Handley, Utica, New York.



## Scuttlebutt

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS: Miss Helen Gavin will take off for Billings, Montana, on two weeks' leave beginning tomorrow . . . Mr. Shurtleff is glad the WAVES' Halloween dance is over. Personnel and Records once again has the undivided attention of Ruth Quire, who managed the dance arrangements . . . Eleanor Nunziato of Disbursing has had 80 letters in three months from her fiancé, a San Diego Naval Hospital corpsman—practically enough to paper their future home . . . Virginia "Ginger" D. Willis slipped away from her duties in the pack room on 13B Monday night to exchange vows with Clarence "Chuck" Leonard, HM3, Master-at-arms for the NP School. They were married in Oakland . . . An extra pat on the back to Ted Noddin, only man in the Twelfth Naval District being promoted to DT1 . . . Betty Przybylko is 20 and among other happy surprises her birthday brought was a cake from her friends in the commissary . . . Jim Shearin, Photo Arts' medical illustrating technician, has just received word he's one of four accepted for the University of Cincinnati's special course for medical illustrators. He hopes to arrive there in the fall of '55. . . While Stanley Smith tours Europe, Andy Stathis, music major at San Francisco State College, is leading the Protestant choir . . . Rosabelle Tom of Records is now Mrs. Jimmie Low. They were married in Carmel on 5 September.

LIFE BEGAN on the 28th of October for Janise Woolstenhulme, 7 lb. 7 oz. daughter of Lynn J. Woolstenhulme, HM2, of ALD and his wife, Marjorie Louise.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE: CAPT Canty really gets around. Last week he spoke at the Oakland Rotary Club, taking some of his prize pupils from Amputee Center along. In the group were Bob Rakestraw of 42A, Bob Kennemore, former patient and Congressional Medal of Honor winner, and Dennis Worden, 3½-year-old dependent. And he crowned the DAV's Forget-me-not Queen! The king on that occasion was none other than Orbie R. Lindner, RMSN, and the CROWN PRINCES were PVT Johnnie Dickenson and Bill R. Collins.

## Welcome Farewell

Reporting in were: LT Elizabeth M. Duwe, NC, USN, from USNAS, Seattle, Washington; ENS's Virginia M. Nash, NC, USNR, Constance T. Murphy, NC, USNR, Bernadette Cebulla, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, New York, and ENS Mary D. Oslin, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; HN's C. C. Baggett, C. D. Stevenson, R. I. Booth, F. A. Duffy, J. R. Grayson, P. E. Kellough, D. N. Mackey, R. C. Woodford, from HCS, San Diego; and HA's A. C. Richardson, S. A. Richmond, L. L. Swain, from HCS, Great Lakes, Illinois; D. J. Sudarth, from HCS, Bainbridge, Maryland; J. W. Murray, J. E. Bell, J. A. Boyle, G. A. Cochran, Jr., T. N. Crumley, D. H. Dunn, C. E. Gilreath, Jr., J. M. Honsa, and R. E. Wright, from



Here are just a few of the apparitions that turned up at the Officers' club Halloween masquerade last Friday night. (1) Behind these jack-o-lantern features are those of LTJG and Mrs. Irvin M. Becker, one of the most attractive couples seen on the dance floor. (2) LT John T. Craighead is easily recognizable behind his beautiful handle-bar mustache, as is Mrs. Walton W. Shreeve in her witches' outfit. The lady with the schnozzola is Mrs. Craighead and the gentleman (?) who donned a gas mask before coming to the party is LT Shreeve. (3) Look closely and you'll see that the devil and cat dancing together at left are LT and Mrs. Chester L. Klein. The attractive pair of legs supporting a giant Ronson lighter belong to LTJG Eugene L. Walter, whose wife came as an equally gigantic package of Old Golds. (They and the Larry Stanleys, who came as a Diamond Match Box and a pack of Old Golds, won prizes for the evening's best costumes.) Also barely recognizable in this photo are LTJG and Mrs. Charles F. Aquadro, who came as a Southern belle and a skeleton.

## Dig Deeper--GIVE Another Dollar

Although some divisions reported outstanding contributions during the past week, an over-all view of the United Fund Drive indicates a dangerous mid-drive let down.

As of today the drive is four weeks old, and there are three weeks to go. The second half of any drive is the hardest, and Knollites must still contribute more than \$5000 if the hospital is to make its goal of \$12,000.

Military personnel at the hospital had contributed 75 per cent of their quota this week, but civilians lagged with only 36 per cent collected. One hundred percenters for the week were the Red Cross, where all 22 workers had contributed, averaging \$12.20 per person, and the MSC and other non-medical officers, who number 35 and have contributed an average of \$10 per officer.

The need is great, the sacrifice small, and it is hoped that during these next three weeks everyone will dig a little deeper. If you have given, give another dollar. If you haven't given, look up your solicitor or go direct to LT D. A. Wade at the Finance Office and give whatever you can.

HCS, San Diego.

Detached were: LT Adrian Recinos, Jr., MC, USNR, to USNH, Yokosuka, Japan; LT Marion W. Long, MSC, USN, to FMF, Camp Pendleton; HM2's J. E. Goff, R. W. Thompson, to MarBks, Camp Pendleton; W. R. Snively, HM3, to USNAAS, Monterey; HN's R. I. Gerhart to USNH, Memphis, Tennessee, and J. T. Kunkel to 50 Fell Street, San Francisco. Discharged were: I. V. Peterson, HM2, and J. L. Le Blanc, HM3.

## Captain Bradley In Washington

Captain Bradley flew east Tuesday night to attend the Surgeon General's Symposium at Bethesda and the annual convention of the Association of Military Surgeons in Washington. Captain Herman A. Gross, Executive Officer, is acting as CO in Captain Bradley's absence.

## Staff Personalities



That happy-go-lucky DN in Unit 1 is John Weber from Cuba City, Wisconsin. John entered the Navy in June of last year and was sent to San Diego for recruit training. Newly

wed a month ago, he arrived here in January of this year from San Diego Dental School. When he was a civilian, he worked in construction as a truck driver, carpenter, and mason. He and his wife, Bernice, live in Oakland just a few minutes from the hospital. What "free" time John has is devoted to building model ships. When he returns to those "lucky" civies, John will resume his construction work.

A fellow who plans on returning to the farm back home in Silver Lake, Indiana, is William (Bill) Kissinger, HN, who takes care of correspondence courses, rating of men, and marks in Staff Personnel. A Navy man since 18 March, 1952, he received his boot training at San Diego, and then went East to Bainbridge for HCS training. He first saw Oak Knoll on 5 December, 1952, and started duty here with two months as a night floater. The Silver Lake High School business major and graduate took trombone lessons for a year and participated in his high school band for two years. Bill likes swimming and enjoys building model airplanes.







Pictured here is Chief Graham L. Parker throwing one into the "pocket" against EST Students last Tuesday night in the Intrahospital League. His high game for the evening was 160.

## Patients to See Last UC Game

Next Saturday, 14 November, the Golden Bears of Berkeley will face Oregon at the U.C. Stadium, and 40 patients are invited to see this last home game of the season.

Special Services is giving out the tickets on a first-come, first-served basis. Transportation is provided to and from the game.

## Bowling Team Forms As WAVE Skirts Fly

Again this year the Oak Knoll WAVES have formed a bowling team to compete in the Twelfth Naval District Bowling League. The 10-WAVE squad which meets twice a week consists of Helen Anderson, Gerry Bourne, Mary Dawson, Ann Freeman, Joan Kunkel, Phyllis McElfish, Nellie Parque, Jean Reeside, and Marge Sather.

## Hospital Bowlers Defeat NAS Five In Third Series

Oak Knoll bowlers won their third series in a row when they trampled over NAS, Oakland, boosting the local's won, lost record to 7-2. The Knollites won two out of three games to down their opponents on Oak Knoll lanes.

Team captain Chaplain Vosseler was the star of the evening when he hit the lanes for a 202 high game, the high for the evening, and rolled a high series of 523. He rolled five doubles, in bowling these games. Vic Irving was second in both these departments with a 177 high game and a 487 series. While racking these pins he turkeyed twice.

The bowling team brought down a total of 2384 pins. The first game was a 765, second 841, and the third a 742.

Other Oak Knoll bowlers were LT P. M. Griffith, HMC H. E. Engen, and HM3 L. E. Hoosier.

The Hospital team will be back in action against Naval Station, Treasure Island, Monday on the opponent's hard lanes.



Sunday, 8 November

**DREAM WIFE**—Cary Grant, Walter Pidgeon, and Deborah Kerr, COMEDY. Rating: Very good. A young woman in the State Department with a too-businesslike attitude falls in love with Cary Grant, who in turn loves an Indian Princess. This proposed marriage of the Princess proves to be an international problem. 101 minutes of comedy.

Monday, 9 November

**PRIVATE EYES**—Bowery Boys, COMEDY. Rating: Good. This film goes beyond our file and must be a "second-glance" movie. Judging from the title and cast, it is sure to be a barrel of laughs. The Bowery Boys fall into a murder mystery and at that moment elect themselves policemen—better yet, plain private eyes.

Tuesday, 10 November

**SECOND CHANCE**—Robert Mitchum and Linda Darnell, MYSTERY. Rating: Very good. Two old favorites return in this flicker. Rugged Robert Mitchum, prizefighter, playing the "peanut league" in South America after killing a man with his right and left crosses in the ring. He meets Linda Darnell, former girl friend of an American gang lord, and a gun-happy killer sent to murder the lovely Miss Darnell. Filmed in technicolor, filled with flying fists, thrills and abundance of excitement.

Wednesday, 11 November

**WALK SOFTLY, STRANGER**—Joseph Cotton and Miss Valli, MYSTERY. Rating: Very good. Here is a first-nighter for Knoll moviegoers, but no reviews are available on the story.

Thursday, 12 November

**JENNIFER**—Ida Lupino and Howard Duff, DRAMA. Rating: Very good. The bright-eyed Ida has returned to the screens in her first appearance in a long while. This is another first-nighter for the hospital movie fans.

Friday, 13 November

**ESCAPE FROM FORT BRAVO**—Eleanor Parker and William Holden, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. This is a technicolor flicker filled with adventure.

Saturday, 14 November

**THE LONG NIGHT**—Henry Fonda, Vincent Price, and Barbara Bel Geddes, DRAMA. Rating: Very good. Vincent Price returns in another thriller. After his "House of Wax" performance, there is no let-down in his acting ability.

## Movies Twice Nightly

Movies will be shown twice nightly beginning Sunday (tomorrow), 8 November, at the Auditorium. The same feature is to be presented twice. The time of the first movie is at 1730, the second at 1930. Tickets can be bought one-half hour before each performance.



Ken Vix (right), one of the many stars who appeared Tuesday, 27 October, in the Randie Nissen Show at the main auditorium, demonstrates his skill in twirling. Later he juggled the baton with balls of flame swirling on each end. Bonnie Ludwic (left), who has appeared on TV, presents a tap dancing act. Other features of the show were A. C. Vernon, Oak Knoll corpsman, who sang "Blue Moon," "Because of You," and "You



Were Only Fooling"; an accordion, a Spanish peasant dancer, a tumbling act by the Johnson sisters, a fire-eating magician, a songstress known as the Nightingale of the Bay Area, and Randie Nissen herself. The Master of Ceremonies was Fred Cooper, assisted by Andy the Stogie. The audience enjoyed the participation of Eddie Ritter and Lois Smith, corpsman and corps Wave, when they took part in the magician's act.

## Oak Knoll Belts Port Chicago 38-6 For Second Straight League Win

The Oak Knoll football team this week continued on its winning streak by rolling over the Port Chicago five, 38-6, Wednesday, 28 October. With Will Fry figuring in all the touchdowns, the Hilltoppers won their second game in a row and the fourth of the season. This brings the record to four wins, three losses.

In the first quarter, with Fry at the helm, the locals broke out with three touchdowns. A pass from Fry to Fred Guith after a four-play march down the field scored the first TD. Fry then shot a pass to Fred Guith in the end zone for the extra point. Minutes later Fry again took to the air and shot a long pass to Dick Baer, his first attempt in playing offense for the whole game, and he took the hide over for the touchdown. Quarterback Fry was trapped behind the line, and the extra point was no good.

The defense held the Port Chicago five to four downs with Digger Solomon and Wise delivering the key defensive plays.

The Knollites went on the ground for their next scoring, and after an 80-yard march scored their third TD. Fry went off tackle and around end to paydirt. The conversion was knocked down. The score at the end of the period was Oak Knoll 19, Port Chicago 0.

Port Chicago was unable to still the big guns of Oak Knoll. Running off tackle, Fry raced 79 yards for a touchdown with the Port Chicago five at his heels. Again, the extra point was blocked, but the score read Hilltoppers 25, Port Chicago 0, at the end of the half.

The opponents' ground and air attack was stopped cold by the defense.

At the beginning of the second half, McGill, a new addition to the locals' squad, broke loose on an end run for 15 yards and another TD, after a long march. Young flipped a short pass to Baer for the extra point. This made the score 32-0 in favor of the Hilltoppers. The opponents came roaring back but were unable to score.

In the fourth quarter the Oak Knoll football team continued the attack when Fry went up in the air to pass to Baer for a touchdown. The point-after-touchdown was no good. Now the Oak Knoll club was in the lead by a score of 38-0.

Port Chicago came back to break into the scoring column by taking the pigskin on the kickoff and racing 60 yards for their first and only TD of the contest. When the gun went off, the score was Oak Knoll, 38, Port Chicago 6.

The Hilltoppers played Mare Island on the home field Wednesday, 4 November.

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BRIGEN Alvin L. Gorby

## BRIGEN Gorby Visits Oak Knoll

Brigadier General Alvin L. Gorby from the office of Dr. Melvin A. Casberg, Assistant Secretary of Defense Health and Medical, visited military installations in the Bay Area last week.

He spent Thursday afternoon conferring with Captain Gross, and during the rest of the week toured Mare Island, Letterman Army Hospital, Camp Stoneman, and Hamilton and Travis Air Force Bases. He was an Oak Knoll visitor several years ago while serving as 6th Army Surgeon.

## Officers Wives to Meet

Oak Knoll Officers' Wives will meet at the club Wednesday for luncheon at 1300, followed by a business meeting and program.



PFC Joseph V. Gillette's happy smile tells how he feels about the news that his friends and fellow-citizens in Winsted, Conn., are raising funds to build him and his wife a home. (See story on page 3.)

## Committee Adds 4 New Members

With the beginning of the season, the Enlisted Recreation Committee has added four new members, and at the November meeting new and old members began at once making arrangements for another staff dance for the month of November.

HMC S. S. Irvine was elected chairman of the committee. Among his "veteran assistants" are HM3's S. L. Bradford, J. M. McAsey, and B. B. McNatt; DKS N E. F. Pon; HN's M. G. Borkan. New members of the committee are HM1 R. I. Quire, HN D. L. Patterson, and DN R. L. Sherman.

The committee will be pleased to have suggestions at any time from staff members who have ideas for improving the station's recreation program.

## No Purple Heart? Wonders Ex POW

Correspondence forwarded here from the USS HAVEN tells a story of Jess Richard McElroy, AO3, USNR-R, a repatriated POW who spent a week here early in September before being sent on to the U. S. Army-Navy Hospital in Hot Springs, Ark.

Aboard the HAVEN, Jess hoped to get the Purple Heart along with his wounded buddies, but despite his scars, he wasn't eligible, the Bureau said.

Only one Purple Heart is awarded to any one person, and Jess had already gotten his posthumously in Chickasha, Okla., last April when his father also received notice that his son's status was changed from "missing in action" (as of 13 December 1951) to "presumed dead in action."

## Home Cooked Dinners For Thanksgiving

Between now and Thanksgiving calls from private homes will be pouring into Oak Knoll extending invitations to patients for Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings.

If any patient wants a good home cooked meal, please contact Special Services. Arrangements will be made so that everyone will have an enjoyable holiday.

## Navy Mothers Invite Patients, Staff to Party

Oaklands Navy Mother's Club has invited all patients and staff to an Open House Mortgage-burning Party at 1430 tomorrow (Sunday). The party will take place at the Blue Jacket's Haven on MacArthur Boulevard.

Entertainment and refreshments will be provided by the Navy Mothers.



Lieutenant General Mutsuo Nishina, surgeon-general of the National Safety Forces of Japan, en route to Washington, D. C., to attend the annual meeting of the Military Surgeons' Association, paid a brief visit to U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, today.

The top-ranking Japanese doctor toured the hospital with CAPT Herman A. Gross, Executive Officer, with whom he is pictured here, and he had "the greatest honor" to meet Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, who was a hospital visitor at the same time. In the background is an aerial view of Oak Knoll and above, the famous photograph showing Admiral Nimitz signing the articles of surrender aboard the USS MISSOURI on 2 September 1945.

General Nishina, on his first trip to the United States, is seeking ideas for organization and construction of three military hospitals soon to be built in Japan.

## RADM Hoskins, WWII Amputee on Active Duty, Here for Check-up

RADM John M. Hoskins, USN, Commander of Pacific Division, Military Air Transport Service, here from his headquarters in Hawaii for a check-up, is a man of many distinctions. Some of them, such as his Navy Cross and Legion of Merit, he shares with other admirals and shipmates of lower rank; but one he is certain few other officers and no other admiral can claim. He is on active duty in the United States Navy even though he has only one leg of his own to stand on.

The Admiral was aboard the USS PRINCETON during the second Battle of the Philippine Sea on the morning of 24 October 1944 when the ship became the target for a Japanese dive bomber. Flames roared along the hangar deck for several hours after the ship was hit and until depth charges in the stern blew up and the PRINCETON went under. In the confusion that followed the bombing, the Admiral fell three times before he realized that his right foot was "hanging by a thread." He seized a line lying nearby and used it for a tourniquet until the Senior Medical Officer came to his aid.

He was among the first of the World



RADM John M. Hoskins

War II wounded to be evacuated to the states by plane, and he is pleased that in his present command he has been able to arrange for air evacuation of some 63,000 Korea casualties.

During the first six months of the Korea fighting, Admiral Hoskins was in command of Carrier Division 3, with the USS VALLEY FORGE as flagship.



# The Oak Leaf

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## Marine Corps Is 178 Years Old

Marines stationed the world over observed the 178th birthday of their corps on 10 November.

It was on that day in 1775 that the Continental Congress created a corps of Marines consisting of two battalions. Since that time the Marine Corps has come a long way.

From the muzzle-loading flintlock rifle to the latest rocket weapons—from surprise attacks in ship's riggings to helicopter-borne vertical envelopments behind enemy lines and from the two battalions to the more than 300,000 men and women who now form the regular and reserve components of the Marine Corps—the Marines have written glorious chapters in the nation's military history.

In his anniversary message to the Corps, General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., Commandant, speaks of the future and of the necessity for readiness to meet any challenge it may hold, but he continues,

"In one area we must look to the past—to the great example of courage, resolution and selfless loyalty that has been set for us by our forebears in the Corps. It is for us to revere and to emulate in our every action the inspiring Marine tradition which lives today in such words as Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, and Inchon—words which have been made a part of our nation's great history through the valor and sacrifice of Marines of other wars.

"It is in the memory of those brave men that we find the confidence and courage to meet the responsibilities which confront the Corps today. While those responsibilities have never been heavier, I believe that the superb accomplishments of every man and woman in the Corps during the past year are a clear measure of our ability to meet them."

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### PRE-THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

In looking over a magazine the other day I read these lines:

"How fortunate we Americans are and how grateful we should be to Almighty God that we live in this glorious land, undamaged by war, abounding in prosperity, with relatively low taxation compared with that of many other lands, so that we can meet our own Church extension needs and thus help to keep Christianity a potent influence in our land!"

It seems to me that one of the marks of a Christian is his ability to show gratitude, if we wish to be an "on the job" influence for Christianity let us practice what is one of our markings.

In preparing ourselves for the Thanksgiving Season let us keep in mind the following:

1. We are Thankful for God Almighty and his son Jesus Christ.
2. Thankful for our homes, loved ones, Community and our United States.
3. Thankful for our jobs.
4. Thankful for real difficulties which we can overcome.
5. Thankful for disappointments which tend to humble us.
6. Thankful for our enemies who try to out-think us.
7. Thankful to our friends who remain loyal to us, even though we fail to live up to their expectations of us.
8. Thankful for a faith as small as a mustard seed.
9. Thankful for the understanding mind.
10. Thankful for the forgiving quality of men and women.
11. Thank God for life, it is good.

—R. E. JENKINS, Protestant Chaplain

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030  
Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES  
0600-0800-0900-1200  
DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630  
Confessions before Mass  
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel  
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN  
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
IN CHAPEL



To further explain Red Cross activities to the current Red Cross trainees at this station, these people helped conduct a program Thursday morning, 29 October, at the Red Cross Lounge. They are Miss Ruth Wolff, Recreation Consultant for the Pacific Area, ARC; Mrs. J. E. North, Administrative Assistant, Berkeley Chapter; Mrs. Chester Martin, Service Groups Chairman, Alameda Chapter; Mrs. Lloyd Burton, Executive Director, Alameda Chapter, and Mr. Thomas Russ, Manager, Oakland Chapter.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### WELCOME!

The Red Cross staff at Oak Knoll wishes to welcome aboard Beatrice Fisher who comes to us direct from Johnson Air Base, Japan. Her longest assignment in the Far East was at Yokosuka for a period of fifteen months. In her six-year career with Red Cross Miss Fisher has had duty in the European Theatre of Operations during World War II and a domestic assignment at the Naval Hospital at San Diego.

### MOVIE SCHEDULE:

The ward movies this week promise to be good ones. Now showing are "Small Town Girl" with Jane Powell and Farley Granger and "Two Tickets to Broadway" with Tony Martin and Janet Leigh. "The Girl Next Door" will be the only movie shown from Wednesday, 18 November, through Tuesday, 24 November.

## SGT "Tex" Reininger Story Best News Feature

Recent reports in Bay Area papers revealed that Gale Cook of the San Francisco Examiner received the Press and Union League award for best news feature of 1952 for his story of a young quadruple amputee's wedding.

The amputee was SGT Werner "Tex" Reininger of San Antonio, Tex., here for more than a year for treatment and training in the use of his artificial limbs. He was married in the Oak Knoll Chapel on 29 April 1952.

## LCDR Pipkin in Manila For Pacific Conference

LCDR Alan C. Pipkin, MSC, took off from Travis Tuesday for Manila, where he is to attend the eighth meeting of the Pacific Science Conference from 16 to 28 October. The conference program will include a symposium on filariasis at which the Oak Knoll officer is to present a paper on "Transmission of Bancroftian Filariasis in the Trust Territory."

LCDR Pipkin conducted extensive studies on this subject in the Carolines and the Southern Marshall Islands in 1951 and 1952.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Red Cross has many Christmas cards to be distributed to patients and would like to make a request at this time for patient volunteers to help assemble these cards for distribution. Please report to the Red Cross office, Community Service building if you wish to help.

### YOUR Pledge Paid Up?

If so, stop reading. This is not for you. If not, please track down your solicitor and make the contribution you have pledged to the United Fund Drive as soon as possible. More than \$1000 in pledges is still outstanding, and much more than that is needed to reach the goal.



Newest WAVE officer aboard this station is ENS Ruth D. Drussell, MSC USNR, who reported on 27 October for assignment in the Occupational Therapy division.

ENS Drussell is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, where she earned a B.S. degree in Occupational Therapy. She was commissioned on 12 June in Minneapolis and served at USNH, Newport, Rhode Island, before coming to Oak Knoll.



Scuttlebutt

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS: Gudrun Lee came running into WAVE Quarters Sunday night sizzling with excitement. At the Downbeat Club in San Francisco she sat next to songbird Beatrice Kay, talked with her and came home with her autograph . . . Eva Sutherland of 40A and Bill Morrow of Commissary have announced their engagement . . . Many variations of Oak Knoll have been seen in these parts, but this week the situation became rather alarming when two different correspondents addressed their letters to OK-No Hospital . . . When Pauline Krampitz, Phyl McElfish, and Barbara Kayser went into an Oakland ice creamery, Barbara decided to try her luck with a concoction called a "Screwball's delight." Well, Barbara likes ice cream, but not that well. It took all three girls to dispose of this dish, which was served on a meat-platter and was, according to reports, the size of a Thanksgiving turkey . . . Too bad we can't do to others what a shipmate did to D. F. Morgan, HM3, the other night—only catch the coins for UFD. As Morgan was dangled by the heels over the Commissary ramp, dimes, pennies, and quarters tumbled to the ground . . . When Georgia Schwalles' clock stops, she waits till it's that time again before she winds it. Takes patience but less work, she says.

**LITTLE KNOLLITES:** The baby boy business was booming this week as four staff members welcomed new sons. HMC Joyce S. Swanson of P & A and his wife, Jacqueline, have a new son, Gregory James, born on the 4th. LT and Mrs. Daryle Wade's son, Paul Ronald, arrived on the 5th; and Donald A. Studinger, HN, of Surgery, and his wife, Barbara, are receiving congratulations on the arrival of Donald Arthur, Jr., born on the 7th; and Frank L. Moseley, HM3, of Examination and Treatment room is passing cigars to announce that his wife, Betty, presented him with an 8-lb. son, Philip Dunway, their first child, on the 8th.

**HAVE YOU NOTICED?** That the telephone in the Ad Building foyer now has a booth around it? That Coyland stocks are gradually disappearing as the number of shopping days before Christmas dwindles?



**CORSMEN'S CORNER**

This quiz pertains to a physical examination: (Match the right hand column with those on the left.)

L.L.	( )	(1) Right lower quadrant
L.Q.	( )	(2) Physical Examination
R.U.	( )	(3) Right eye
R.Q.	( )	(4) Left lower lobe
L.	( )	(5) Left upper lobe
R.	( )	(6) Left lower quadrant
L.U.	( )	(7) Left upper quadrant
P.E.	( )	(8) Mouth
R.L.	( )	(9) Left eye
R.Q.	( )	(10) Right lower lobe



Fifteen students graduated from the EST school last week as the school celebrated its third anniversary. This class brought the total number of technicians graduated here to 194. In the group, back row, left to right, are HMI's D. R. Moriarty, F. C. Shea, R. J. Thompson, R. D. Espeseth, C. A. Price, J. P. Lawless, W. W. Skilling and R. E. Wilson. In the front row are HMC's D. W. Rappo'ee, B. M. Clement, H. Griffith, M. C. Ashcraft, H. M. Schubert, F. G. Nagel, and W. N. Hodges. Graduation ceremonies for this class included cutting of a birthday cake by CAPT R. S. Poos, who has headed the school since it was established here on 1 November 1950.

Home Planned For Amputee and Wife

PFC Joseph V. Gillette of 42A thinks there's no place like home, particularly if home is in Winsted, Conn. According to word that reached here last week via Associated Press dispatch, his fellow townspeople are raising money to build a home for him and his wife, Nancy.

The 21-year-old leatherneck has had his share of bad luck. He and Nancy, his lifelong sweetheart, were married last November and shortly after he left for Korea last spring, doctors discovered she had tuberculosis.

Gillette, serving with a 1st Marines, 2nd Battalion Weapons Company managed to keep out of the line of fire until 48½ hours before the cease-fire, when an enemy mortar shell landed in his foxhole near Berlin Outpost, hitting him in the right arm and both legs and wounding three of his buddies. As a result of his wounds, Joe lost both legs below the knee and he still has some numbness in his right arm as a result of a nerve injury.

But things are looking up. He's making good progress in use of his new limbs, and the latest word from Winsted is that Nancy is home from the hospital and excited over the prospect of a new home.

UC Offers Courses To Knoll Personnel

The University of California Extension Division is offering a choice of four courses which may be conducted at Oak Knoll between February and June.

These courses are open to patients, military staff, and civilian personnel, but it is necessary that the University have advance notice so that arrangements can be made. A minimum of 25 persons per class is required.

These course credits can be applied toward a degree, and the subject matter is adaptable to individual situations at the hospital. The courses under consideration are Public Personnel Administration, Organization and Management, Elements of Economics, and Economic Statistics.

**ANSWERS**

(1) R.T., (2) P.E., (3) P.O., (4) S.O., (5) L.L., (6) L.Q., (7) R.U., (8) R.Q., (9) L., (10) R.



Donald R. Moriarty, HM1, honorman for the EST School's twelfth class, receives a warm handshake from CAPT H. A. Gross, Acting Commanding Officer, who presented the diplomas. Moriarity's average was 95.5%.

Staff Personalities

The Navy brought these two people together. Born and raised in the same town, they met at Bainbridge and were married in California.



Rita M. (Lindstrom) Beeso, HN, joined the Navy on 2 April 1952 and on 5 December found herself on the Oak Knoll staff after recruit and HCS training at Bainbridge, Maryland. Graduating from the High School of Commerce, Worcester, Mass., her home town, she was employed as Personnel Secretary in the State Mutual Life Assurance Company for two years. Presently a Corpswave in OPD, Rita was a night floater for three months. She likes to swim, play baseball, basketball, and tennis. Cooking is her main interest. Future plans for the young career girl and housewife include a tour of study at UC, where she plans on signing up for a major in Business Administration.

That witty fellow from Worcester, Mass., Robert Beeso, HN, now working in the bag-room, came to Oak Knoll last December. Bob and his wife, Rita, are looking forward to celebrating their first wedding anniversary the 28th of this month. He donned Navy blues in March of last year, and took his recruit and HCS training at Bainbridge. Before

entering the Navy, he attended Holy Cross College, majored in History, and was a building contractor. While still a civilian, he and his band played at the Hotel Sheraton, Worcester. Bob and his wife hope eventually to buy a ranch in California. They are now living only a stone's throw from the hospital.







# Lab I Wins Series, Paces League; Strong CPO Squad Drops to Sixth

The Intrahospital Bowling League standings were shaken up this week as the league went into its third week of competition. Lab I, who took over first place last week, continued to set the pace for the rest of the teams with twelve straight wins. The Mustangs drove into second place by running over their opponents. Only one series separates the Mustangs from first place and Lab I. This week the Mustangs moved up a notch in the standings. CS&R swept into third by defeating Nurses I who are resting in last place. The biggest surprise of the week was the power-laden Chiefs', falling to sixth place.

The high team series for the week was the CPO squad when they registered a 2337, and a high game total of 917. L. E. Hooser has a 172 average, highest in the bowling league, and highest series, 545. J. F. Swanson is the holder of the highest game thrown, a 253.

Here are the complete league standings:

Team	Won	Lost	Pin-fall
1. Lab I	12	0	5989
2. Mustangs	9	3	6594
3. CS&R	9	3	5995
4. Dental	8	4	6087
5. Alders	8	4	6078
6. CPO	7	5	6660
7. Fins Civ	7	5	6605
8. EST I	7	5	5861
9. Transportation	7	5	5618
10. X-Ray I	6	6	6642
11. Cops	6	6	5777
12. X-Ray II	5	7	5809
13. Lab II	4	8	5828
14. EST Students	4	8	5819
15. Fin Pers	4	8	4111
16. N P Service	3	9	5106
17. Nurses II	2	10	5752
18. Nurses I	0	12	4937

A sailor we know was so conceited that he joined the Navy so the world could see him.

## Close Victory For Treasure Island

Oak Knoll Keglers dropped their first series and their third and fourth games in 12ND League play when they lost to Treasure Island Monday evening. This brings the locals won, lost record to 8-4.

The top team game series was in the last contest won by the Knoll crew. The team game series was 805 in the first game, 781 in the second, and the high for the evening, 812 in the last heat.

LT P. M. Griffith was the top bowler for the hospital club with a 529 series and a high game of 180 for the night. A 497 series was posted by HM3 L. E. Hooser, who leads the Intrahospital League in average and series.

Only 25 pins separated the two teams when the total number of pins felled for the evening was counted.

Other bowlers on the squad were team captain, Chaplain L. G. Vosseler, HMC H. E. Engen, and HM2 Vic Irving.

Next Monday the Oak Knoll team will host the San Francisco Marines on the home hard lanes.

## Nurses, WAVES, Form First Basketball Team

Try to get a group of WAVES on a.m. and p.m. duty and on port and starboard watches together for workouts in the old San Leandro gym twice a week and you'll have some idea of the hardships involved as Oak Knoll prepares to "field" its first women's basketball team.

The girls board Special Services carryalls for the trip up the hill every Tuesday and Thursday, many giving up their liberty and sometimes their chow to practice with Special Services coaches Folger and Foster.

ENS Dolly Carston has been named coach for the team; Marty Marx is to serve as player-manager; and Marge Sather has been elected captain. Co-captains will be named for each game. Others out for the team are ENS Ruth Drussell, MSC; Ensigns Gloria Ford and Marcella Fecteau of the Nurse Corps, and Corps WAVES Carol McClellan, Joan Smoody, Helen Anderson, Barbara Kayser, Terry Verbish, Irene Polkenhorn, Artie Fuson, and Eleanor Dioli.

"With the fine spirit and promising material turning out, I'm sure we can make a good showing in Bay Area Armed Forces basketball competition due to open early in December," ENS Joan White, athletic coordinator for the WAVES, said this week.



Jack Young takes the pigskin around end for ten yards and a touchdown for the locals in the second half but to no avail as the Mare Island five downed the Hilltoppers 62-26.

## Hilltoppers Sunk By Mare Island

The Hospital Football team ran smack into undefeated Mare Island last Wednesday and suffered their fourth setback of the season. The Mare Island five kept their average of 56 points per game intact when they racked up the 62-26 win.

### WIDE OPEN GAME

In the first period, before the Knoll team could get rolling, Mare Island tore the lid off the contest by scoring four touchdowns.

The undaunted Hilltoppers struck back with Will Fry breaking loose to run 60-yards for the Knollites first TD. He then flipped to Fred Guith for the extra point. When the gun went off to end the half, the score read M. I. 34, Oak Knoll 7.

### MORE SCORES FOR OPPONENTS

As the second half started, M. I. continued their strong attack, pushing over the Knoll line with another TD on a combination of runs and a pass. With the contest practically on ice, the Knollites came back to make the score 41-13. Still there was no let up in the opponent's attack and the score read 48-13 at the end of the third quarter.

### CHEWING AWAY TO NO AVAIL

In the fourth quarter the McGill brothers combined to score the local's third touchdown. This was the first look at the McGills in action together. Ten yards out from the opponents goal, Jack McGill raced around end to paydirt and the extra point was scored via a short pass from Jack to Jim McGill. The board then read Mare Island 48-20.

The opponents came roaring back with a powerful running attack, going through the Knollite's weak line for another score, and then bounced back a few minutes later to score again with a short pass. Mare Island was leading 62-20, when Jack Young, trapped behind the line, with terrific blocking raced through the center for the Knollites' last TD. The extra point was blocked. When the gun went off, the Mare Island squad had walked off with their eighth victory of the season, 62-26.

Fred Guith still leads the team in the scoring department with 51 points. Will Fry is second with 42.

Join the Crusade now and support the many welfare agencies with one donation.



Sunday, 15 November  
SECOND CHANCE—Robert Mitchum and Linda Darnell, MYSTERY. Rating: Very good. Two old favorites return in this flicker. Rugged Robert Mitchum, prizefighter, playing the "peanut league" in South America after killing a man with right and left crosses in the ring. He meets Linda Darnell, former girl friend of an American gang lord, and a gun-dispensing killer sent to murder the lovely Miss Darnell. Filmed in technicolor, filled with ring fists, thrills and abundance of excitement.

Monday, 16 November  
COLUMN SOUTH—Audie Murphy and Joan Evans, WESTERN. Rating: Good. Slip on your spurs and hop into the saddle for this is one of those hard-riding Indians vs. Army films filled with flying arrows, scalping parties, and shooting. The climax of the story comes when the Redskins storm the fort.

Tuesday, 17 November  
WALKING MY BABY BACK HOME—Donald O'Connor and Janet Leigh, MUSICAL. Rating: Very good. That tap dancing singer and jester Donald O'Connor returns to Knoll screens with some real "gone" jokes, good singing, and terrific tap dancing routines that are sure to produce a good evening of entertainment.

Wednesday, 18 November  
ARENA—Gig Young, Polly Bergen, and Jean Hagen, ADVENTURE. Rating: Very good. Bronco-riding, calt-tying, and bull-riding lend suspense to this tale of a cocksure rodeo star. Gig Young has an affair with Miss Lawrence (Jean Hagen) because his wife, Polly Bergen, wants him to quit the rodeo circuits.

Thursday, 19 November  
HIGH SIERRA—Humphrey Bogart and Ida Lupino, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. Here is a movie they dusted off to give the fans a "second glance." The tough guy, Bogart, is in a familiar role, the one chasing him all over the place and finally up into the mountains with his moll, Ida.

Friday, 20 November  
SUDDEN FEAR—Joan Crawford and Jack Palance, MYSTERY. Rating: Very good. A mounting fear, a gun, and murder fill the night air. Across the nation this story is heralded as one of the up-and-coming films of this year. Newcomer Jack Palance is the villain.

Saturday, 21 November  
SMOKEY CANYON—Charles Starrett and Smiley Burnett, WESTERN. Rating: Fair. Another for the cowboy fans. Watch for the necktie party in this rather ordinary cow-poke picture.

## Welcome Farewell

Reporting in were CDR John M. Murphy, MC, USN, from Mare Island; LTJG Theodore H. Erck, DC, USNR, from USS NEW JERSEY; LT Laura L. Sowulewski, NC, USNR, from USNH, Guam; ENS Ruth D. Drussell, MSC, USNR, from NavSta Newport; R. I.; HN's R. L. Kremers, R. G. McCool, Jr., J. W. Adams, from HCS Great Lakes; HN's R. I. Booth, F. A. Duffy, J. R. Grayson, P. E. Kellough, D. N. Mackey, R. C. Woodford, W. H. Woodford, J. L. Henry, from HCS, San Diego; HA's J. L. Gerdes, D. E. Essie, and M. P. Diaz, Jr., from HCS, Great Lakes; HA's J. E. Bell, J. A. Boyle, G. A. Cochran, Jr., T. N. Crumbly, D. H. Dunn, C. E. Gilbreath, Jr., J. M. Honsa, and R. E. Wright, from HCS, San Diego.

Detached were LT Lucile P. Miller, NC, USN, to USNH, Quantico, Va.; LTJG June M. Elsesser, NC, USN, to NAD, Hawthorne Nev.; HMC's F. G. Nagel to NAS, Hutchinson, Kans.; W. M. Hodges and HM1 J. P. Lawless to MarBks, Camp Le Jeune, N. C.; HM1's C. A. Price, to USNAAS Brunswick, Ga.; L. R. Ellis, to USNAAS Fallon Nev.; HM3's J. A. Jellison, P. N. Martin, HN C. J. Mayfield to USNAAS Fallon, Nev.; HN's A. C. Vernon, to NAS, T. I., San Francisco; D. A. Oleson, to NAS, San Francisco, and E. E. Adams, HA, to USK RecSta, T. I.

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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA Saturday, 21 November, 1953



Dr. J. C. Geiger, Oakland's well-known city health officer, spoke Tuesday night to staff doctors on "The Medical and Public Interests in Epidemiology." Dr. Geiger, who serves as a consultant for the Environmental Sanitation School, was introduced by CAPT R. S. Poos, head of the school. A colored movie in the Officers' Club rounded out the program, which followed a dinner at which Dr. Geiger was the guest of honor.

## Informal Dance At Officers' Club

Officers and their ladies will dance to the music of Norval Knight and his orchestra Saturday night, 28 November.

For the occasion CDR Leonard H. Barber and his entertainment committee have planned a gala evening, strictly informal, and CWOHC Forrest Bryant and his assistants are organizing a smorgasbord that will be sure to please the most particular palates.

The time is 2000, the place, the Officers' Club Auditorium.

## Berkeley High School Presents Stage Show

Monday evening at 1800, in the Main Auditorium, students of the Berkeley High School will present several fine acts of their "Berkeley Varieties." The second movie will be shown at 1930 as scheduled.

## Liberty Schedule

Thanksgiving Day will be observed as a legal holiday. The following is the liberty schedule for enlisted personnel:

Liberty for the starboard watch will commence at 0800, Thursday, 26 November, and lasts until 0730, Friday, 27 November.

Liberty for other enlisted personnel not on watch will start at 1630, Wednesday, 25 November, and expire at 0730, Friday, 27 November.

## Help Needed in UFD'S Last Lap

A large part of Oak Knoll coasted this week as the United Fund Drive went into its last lap, but some departments were still pushing hard toward the goal.

Over in the Maintenance Division all but two of 180 workers had made pledges, and a majority of these were already paid up. The Laundry, Fire Department, Maintenance Office workers, Gardeners, Laborers, Machine Shop, and Paint Shop were listed among the 100 percenters by the end of October, and this week the Transportation Office joined this top-notch group.

Other divisions where solicitors and contributors have given their all-out support to the drive and reached the 100 per cent mark are the ungraded workers in the Finance Office, civilian workers in the Nurses Quarters, Metabolic Research, Chest Diseases and Infectious Diseases, Dependent Service, Medical Social Service, Special Services, Pharmacy, and the Amputee Service.

"Although these people have finished their job, we still have a long way to go," CAPT R. S. Poos, chairman for the drive, said this week, urging all members of the staff, both military and civilian, to pay up their pledges as soon as possible.

## Patients Invited To Club Dance

Tonight (21 November) twenty-five patients are invited to an American Legion Dance at the Montclair Women's Club. Pretty partners, refreshments, and entertainment will round out an evening of fun and enjoyment.

Transportation, which will be furnished by Special Services, leaves the Community Building at 2000, and young ladies from the Alameda County Employees' Association will be the hostesses.

## Swing Your Partner; Skip to My Lou!

Don your western togs tonight and join everyone else at the Staff Square Dance which will be given at the EM Club. STAGS are ALLOWED at the dance.

The dance starts at 2000 and ends at 0100. WAVES have been invited from nearby bases for the evening of fun and entertainment.

Refreshments and CHOW are in the offing for all those that come out to the dance.



Christmas is the biggest day of the year for children, and also Toyland in the Navy Exchange. The wonderment of Yuletide Festivity can be seen in the eyes of Oak Knoll's younger set. The little boy on the left is more interested in the photographer than in his shopping, while the other children are "working over" the various toys, which they hope to see under the tree, Christmas morning.

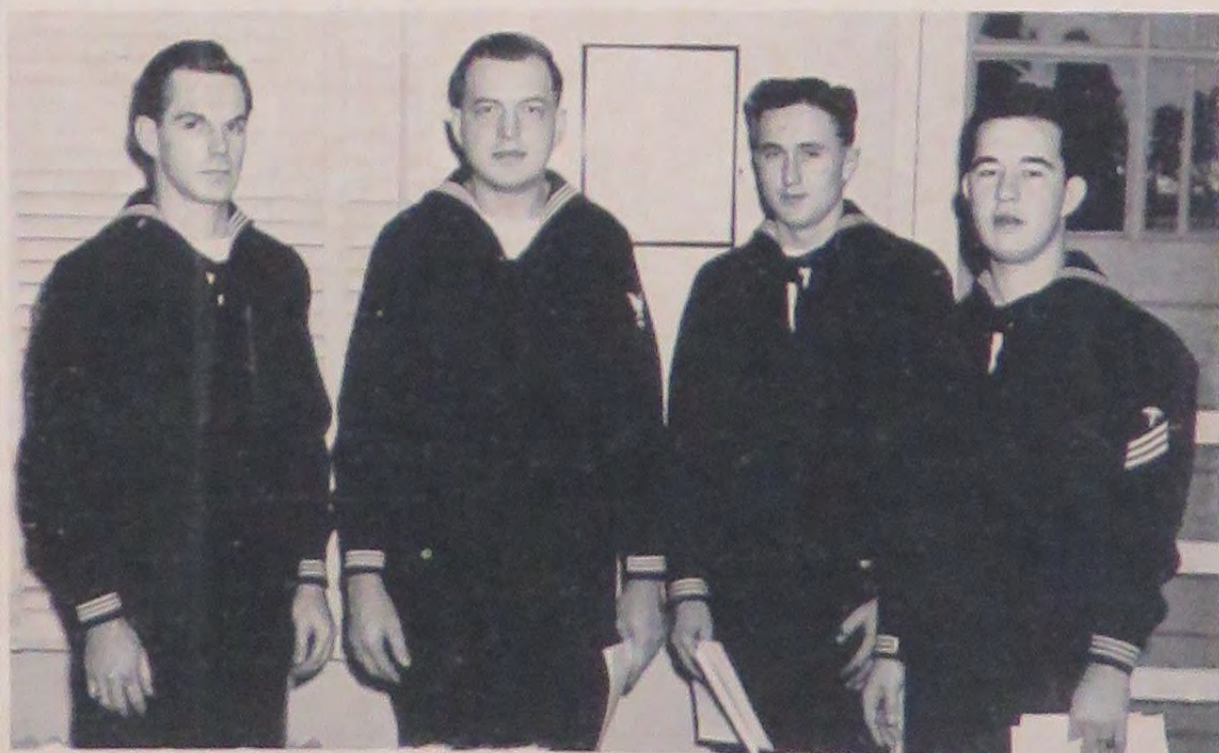
## Early Release for Enlisted Personnel

The below-listed staff enlisted personnel are scheduled for release to inactive duty or discharge from the Navy between the first and 15th of December 1953 in accordance with the "mandatory phase" directive.

They are: HM3's N. A. Alander, P. L. Emery, J. M. McAsey, J. D. Plauche, D. H. Ranta, W. R. Thompson, Jr., L. E. Todd, and HN's F. H. Duffie, Jr., H. M. Gambit, A. J. McGovern, V. L. Marino, A. L. Martinez, Jr., J. W. Moeller, Jr., J. D. Poole, B. O. Salley, Jr., R. S. Scott, Jr., J. G. Skaff, W. A.

Stuart, J. L. Swarm, H. J. Walker, J. A. Wolfram, and J. M. Radosevich, all in USNR. Regulars to be released are K. S. Clayton, HM1, and HN C. E. Sell.

These personnel were originally scheduled for release during the months of January and February 1954. Any staff enlisted personnel originally scheduled for release during those months and whose names do not appear above, please report to the staff personnel office for clarification.



Richard C. Farmer, HM3, William L. Siefert, HM3, Lawrence H. Witherington, HA, and George L. Stitzel, HN, received commendations last week for their cooperation, energy and loyalty to duty. Siefert, a student at the Laboratory Technician School, and Stitzel, 73B Galley Corpsman on special watch, while assigned to the Pathology Service performed various laboratory examinations on several critically ill patients, contributing to their successful care. Witherington, a night floater, aided in the recovery of a patient through the use of the artificial kidney. While serving on the MAA Force at Oak Knoll since 17 November 1952, Farmer performed his duty in an exemplary manner.



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Thanksgiving Day is a good time to count our blessings. We so often take for granted the freedom we possess, the high standard of living we enjoy, the many social and political and cultural advantages which are ours. Men have fought and died for the freedom that we accept as a right. Scientists, inventors, scholars have dedicated their great talents to improving our way of life, and bringing to us the innumerable benefits we daily experience. And all the while we blithely assume that we rate everything we have. There have been martyrs, and patriots and dedicated men and women in every country on earth, but America is the only one so lavishly endowed. We are a young nation still in our adolescent stage, and God picks up, excuses our immaturity and continues His blessing despite our delinquencies.

So this Thanksgiving let's have our share of turkey and cranberry sauce and all the trimmings. And let us thank God we have such things and never forget that He gives them to us, together with all the other countless blessings He gives us, not so much because we deserve them but because someday, please God, we might.

CHARLES B. KNIGHT,  
Catholic Chaplain.

## Theme for Thanksgiving Day--Safety

THANKSGIVING is a time especially dear to the hearts of all Americans—a time of feasting and celebration—a time for remembering and giving thanks to God for His wonderful gifts to us all.

And, since LIFE is His most precious gift, this is a most fitting occasion to talk about traffic accidents and the crying need to end the merciless killing and butchery on our nation's roadways.

So, when you are counting your blessings this Thanksgiving time, we hope you still stop to think of SAFETY—and how good it is to BE ALIVE AND STRONG AND ACTIVE!

And then, having thought about SAFETY, resolve to preserve this blessing to yourself and to those around you to the utmost of your ability.

And, to put your resolution into action, turn to in the Navy's all-out effort to stop traffic accidents dead in their tracks. The Motor Vehicle Safety Program must have your active support and cooperation if lives are to be saved, crippling injuries averted, and property damage markedly reduced.

REMEMBER—SAFETY IS YOUR BUSINESS TOO—LEND A HAND NOW.

Help Oak Knoll.  
Reach Its Goal.  
Give to the United Crusade.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate  
PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030  
Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES  
0600-0800-0900-1200  
DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630  
Confessions before Mass  
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel  
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN  
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON  
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

## Members Wanted For Station Choir

The Station Choir is looking for men and women who can sing. Can You? If so, the choir needs you very much. Meetings are held every Thursday at 1930 at the Main Chapel.

All persons who can or want to sing are urged to attend these choir meetings. Nurses, WAVES, Dependents, Corpsmen, and patients are invited to join the group.

## Latter Day Saints Resume Meetings

Latter Day Saint personnel are resuming their regular Sunday morning meetings at 0900 in the Administration Building Annex (Conference Room).

All military personnel and friends interested are cordially invited to attend. Arthur L. Corden, HN, will serve as the leader of the group.

For further information contact the Chaplain's Office in the Main Chapel.



TV WORKSHOP was the theme of the Red Cross trainees' party at the Lounge. Made-up for special parts in the program were F. KELLY, MMT (Groucho Marx), W. A. GEDDES (Lucille Ball), and PFC BOB STODDARD (Jimmy Durante). Joanne Weatherington, trainee, was emcee.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### AFTERNOON WARD HOSTESSES

Everyone is pleased with the fine visits of the University of California girls on Thursday afternoons. These nine girls represent various groups at the university as do some of our evening hostesses. As their project this afternoon group has been conducting activities on wards 50B, 41B, and 41A. They really do perk up a ward on a dull afternoon!

### HELP WANTED

The Red Cross is in much need of a patient movie detail. We would like a man who is able to check and splice film and run a movie projector. Any patient who can qualify for the position, please contact Miss Smith, Red Cross.

### CHRISTMAS HELPERS

Even before we had last week's article asking for assistance in assorting and distributing Christmas cards to wards we had three excellent workers helping us. But that doesn't mean all the work is done. More help is needed in order that we may make way for the big Christmas rush. Let's all pitch in!

### WARD MOVIE SCHEDULE

19 November-24 November—  
The Girl Next Door

25 November - 1 December—  
The Kid From Left Field

Dan Daley—Anne Bancroft  
So This is Love

Kathryn Grayson—Walter Abel

### READIN' MATTER

Do you like mysteries? Do you like westerns? The Red Cross has many of these pocket editions plus magazines topside in the Community Service building just waiting to be read. There is a wide choice, so do come up and help yourself. Also, take some back to your buddies on the ward.

## Thanksgiving Services

Protestant Thanksgiving Day  
Worship will be conducted in the  
Main Chapel at 1000 on Thursday,  
26 November.

Catholic Mass will be at 1150 on  
Thanksgiving Day. Only one Mass  
is scheduled.



Have you been seeing double lately? Well, don't worry about having eye trouble because it is no visual trick that is haunting you. Dorothy June Leo recently joined her twin sister, Betty Jean Leo, HN, here at Oak Knoll. The 25-year-old twins were born 19 September, 1928, in Merna, Nebraska, went through grade and high school together, and had their first big real separation when Betty joined up in November, 1952. Dorothy made the plunge a year later and went through Boot and HCS training at Bainbridge, where her standard identification was, "I'm not Betty, I'm Dorothy." The twins have no problem of wearing identical clothes—the Navy has solved that. Here's a tip on how to tell them apart: Betty (left), who will soon be Bks MAA of 129, is thinner and shorter than Dorothy, who is assigned to Ward 72A.





Trudy H. Bradley

Psychiatric Social Worker Joins Staff

Mrs. Trudy H. Bradley replaced Miss Helen Verdeyen as psychiatric social worker on Ward 54 recently, when Miss Verdeyen left for the Community Child Guidance Clinic at the Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.

Miss Bradley's present life is a far cry from her early days. She came to America as a young girl after being pursued by the Nazis through Germany during 1939, when her father, a businessman with connections in foreign countries, was under suspicion. She finally reached Sweden after being tormented night and day by fear of her pursuers, and eventually she managed to get to America.

She attended school in New York, earned her B.A. in Clinical Psychology at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, and her Master's in psychiatric social work at the University of California. Just before her arrival at Oak Knoll, she trained at the Langley Porter Clinic, San Francisco, for a year and was temporarily employed there during the summer.

High Point, N. C. (AFPS) — After setting his new false teeth, municipal court judge Archie Myatt postponed the day's court session. In trying out the new dentures he bit through his lip. The wound required three stitches.

Scuttlebutt

**RANDOM SIGHTS & SOUNDS** around the compound: Everywhere people sewing on crows . . . New port-holes at Staff Detail, one for reporting, one for detachment . . . WAVES donning havelocks and overcoats in the drizzle . . . Jesse Freudenthal counting his turkeys and figuring how many pumpkins pies he'll need for Thanksgiving Dinner . . . Special liberty chits swamping staff detail . . . Pat Zimmerman leaving the keys on the wrong side of the door . . . Herman House celebrating his new stripe by donating a huge box of chocolates to WAVE Quarters 127 . . . Kermit Vivian passing his promotion candy and cigars in the Ad Building . . . Betty Peterson spending her evenings in the library.

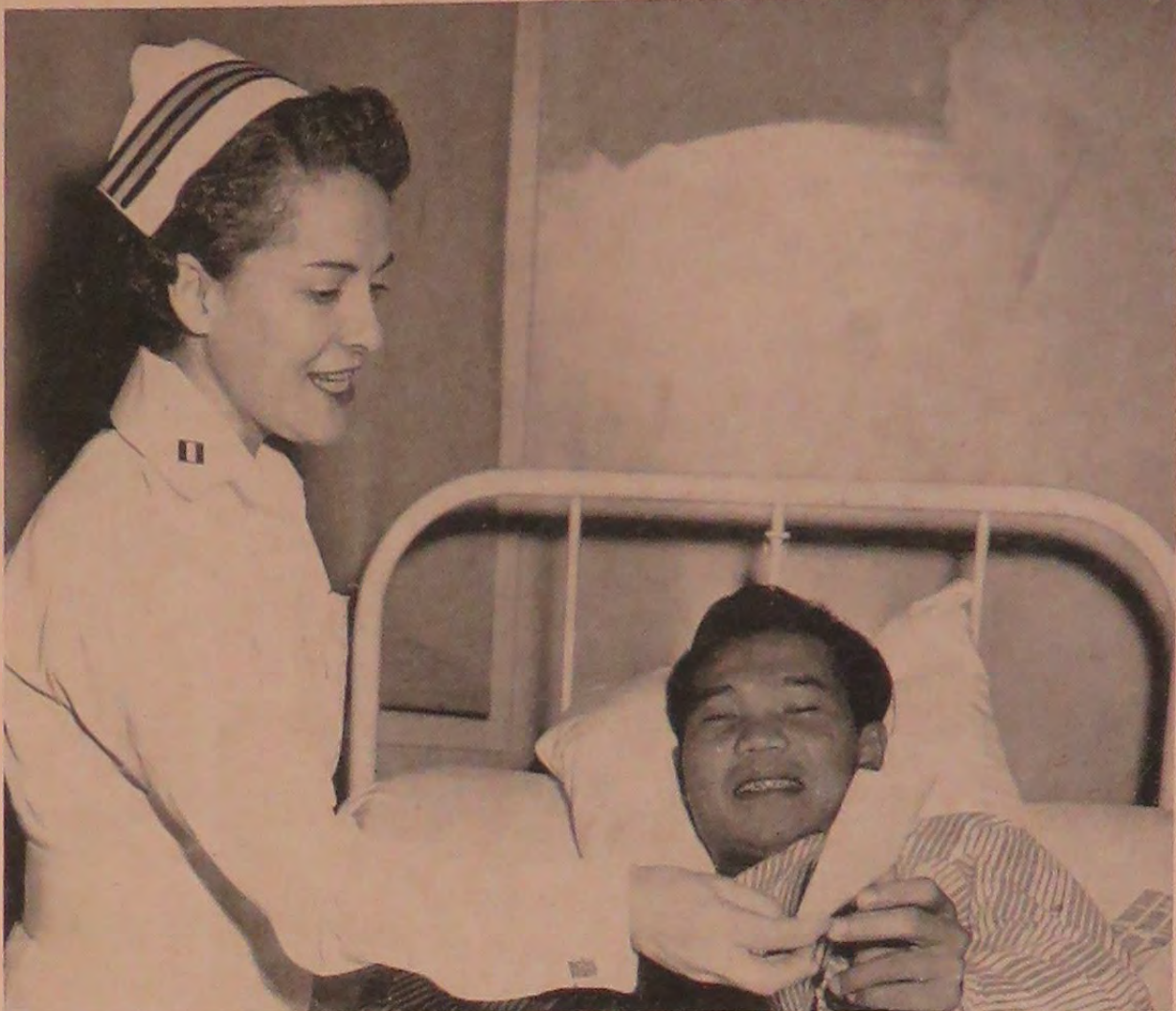
**FOUND:** On the fountain outside Staff Detail this note, to which all hands please take heed:

I am a fountain, not a sink,  
Please don't give me  
Your cold coffee to drink.

**TROUBLE IN GENDREAU CIRCLE:** It took several people several minutes to see what had gone wrong in Gendreau Circle last Sunday, and several faces were red when their mistake was discovered. The church flag—the only one ever flown above the American flag—didn't look quite right, but the day was calm and the white banner hung in neat folds as watchers waited for a breeze. Finally it came. The flag was unfurled, and lo! Instead of the cross, it bore two blue stars.

**PEOPLE & THINGS:** LT Edythe Gillette will become the bride of former patient 2nd LT Tom Collins Talbot, USMC, Retired, on 12 December. They'll be married in San Francisco, where they plan to make their home. . . . CWOHC J. H. Faunce was guest speaker at the Luther Burbank Junior High Dads' Club Tuesday night. . . . Charles W. Dyson drives trucks in the daytime, makes handsome table lamps from bowling pins and surgical spools in his spare time . . . Jean Reeside missed the last ferry home from San Francisco the other night, but with 75 cents and a French accent she managed to get a taxi ride to Seminary and MacArthur . . . Lillian Scanlon of Maintenance is happily spreading the news that she's

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Teodoro M. Bayan, SK2, patient on Ward 71A, shows his souvenirs to his ward nurse, LT Mary Grande. Their conversation runs smoothly as they exchange ideas and opinions in the Italian tongue. Bayan, besides having a speaking knowledge of Italian, speaks Tagalog, English, and a little Spanish.

SK2 Bayan, "Good Will Ambassador"

The spirit of internationalism prevails around Teodoro M. Bayan, SK2, patient on 71A. Born in Rosario, Cavite, Philippine Islands, he speaks the native language, Tagalog (which consists of about 153 dialects), converses fluently in English and Italian, and speaks a smattering of Spanish.

Bayan likes to think of himself as a "Good Will Ambassador" and tries to be helpful to those in need. On the ward he chats in Italian with the staff nurse, LT Mary Grande, about his experiences in Italy.

A sailor since 27 September, 1945, he had duty at Kwajalein, Marshall Islands; Coronado Amphibious Base, San Diego; and the USS MT. OLYMPUS. While on Shore Patrol duty in Naples, he was ordered to Verona, to help establish an exchange and commissary in conjunction with the Army and Air Force. The aesthetic Bayan collected many postcards from this lovely, historic town in which the tragedy of "Romeo and Juliet" was to have taken place.

Staff Personalities



Navy life for Ruth I. Quire, HM1, home town of Indianapolis, Indiana, commenced on her birthday, 18 November, 1944. Her nine years of duty have taken her through Boot at Hunter College, N. Y., HCS, at Bethesda, Great Lakes, Annapolis, Md., Clerical Technician School at Portsmouth, Va., Naval School of Hospital Administration at Bethesda and finally to Oak Knoll, where she arrived on 24 July 1953. Now Chief MAA of WAVE Bks., she also works in the Personnel Records office. As a civilian, she had nurse's training, and was employed as an Inspector of Airplane Motors of the Allison's Engineering Company. Golfing is her favorite sport.



If you hear someone bragging about his son and he is from P&A—there's no mistake, that's Harry Wilson, HM3, a Dayton, Ohio boy. In January of

1951 he entered the Navy and was sent to San Diego for recruit training. Harry then went off to sea on the USS GLOUCESTER. For fifteen months he was in the Far East, including places like Korea, Japan, and Guam. He then returned to San Diego for Corps School. Harry arrived at Oak Knoll in December and was assigned to 66A (SOQ), then to P&A. His wife, Barbara, and son Richard "Rickie" Kelly, two months old, are living in Dayton Ohio. In civilian life Harry was a commercial artist.

Welcome and Farewell

Reporting for duty were: LCDR Edwin T. Henderson, MC, USN, from SNH, Camp Le Jeune, N. C.; LT Edward A. Watson, MC, USNR, from STS, North Pacific SubArea, Seattle, Wash.; LTJG's Edwin D. Griffin, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; John Heckman, MC, USNR, from Air-Staff, FMF, Pacific USMCAS, El Toro, Santa Ana, Calif.; LCDR Rivers G. Farwell, MSC, USN, and LTJG Raymond A. Nygren, MSC, USN, from SN School of Justice, Newport, R. I.; TJG William F. Hollis, Jr., CHC, USNR, from NSC, Naval Station, Newport, R. I.; LT's Frances M. Esely, Jolan C. Toth, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT's Mary E. Avlick, and Ella V. Harden, NC, USNR, from MSTs, North Pacific, Subarea, Seattle, Wash.; LTJG's Elith S. Oliver, from USNH, St. Johns, N. Y.; and Irene W. Broker, MC, USNR, from USNH, Yokosuka, Japan; HMC's S. J. Smith, from Nauncey, Norfolk, Va.; and T. C.

Moore, from MarCorSchool, Quantico, Va.; HM1 R. G. Bruinsma, from USNH, Bainbridge, Md.; HN's D. C. Cooper, L. G. Duran, D. L. Flaishans, E. E. McGinty, and HA D. S. MacGregor, from Great Lakes, Ill.; and HN C. W. Wise from HCS, San Diego, Calif.

Transferred were: LT Alden V. Holmes, MC, USN, to USNH, Mare Island, Vallejo; LTJG Anne M. Sheridan, NC, USN, to USNH, Chelsea, Mass.; HMC H. M. Schubert, to USNAD, Hawthorne, Nev.; HM1's W. W. Skilling, to USNAS, Long Beach, Calif.; R. E. Wilson, to USNNMC, Bethesda, Md.; D. R. Moriarty, to USN Shipyard, Charleston, S. C.; F. C. Shea, to USNAS, Moffett Field; R. J. Thompson, to CO, USN Shipyard, Boston, Mass.; HN's J. M. Davis, to USNRTC, Indianapolis, Ind. and J. Pruitt, to USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.

LT Esther H. Miller, NC, USN, was discharged.





# Lab I Rolls On, Continues Winning Pace; Mustangs Tailspin to Eighth

There were a few upsets and some surprises this week but Lab I bowlers continued their unbeaten streak when they swept their series from the second-place Mustangs. This win knocked off Lab I's closest rivals and dropped the Mustangs into eighth spot.

The Alders drove their way into the second notch by sweeping the series over the Cops. The powerful CPO Club moved into contention by knocking off Lab II and continued to lead the league in pinfall with 8843. The only other team that held on was CS&R, who stayed in third place by winning their three heats.

The CPO squad continued to dominate the league in high team game, average, individual game, and series. L. E. Hooser dropped three points off his average but still paced the league with a 169 and leads in individual series for the Cops.

Here are the complete league standings:

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
1. Lab I	16	0	8290
2. Alders	12	4	8260
3. CS&R	12	4	7814
4. CPO	11	5	8843
5. Dental	11	5	8271
6. Fin Civs	11	5	8070
7. EST I	10	6	7856
8. Mustangs	9	7	8752
9. X-Ray II	8	8	7705
10. Transportation	8	8	7670
11. X-Ray I	7	9	8624
12. Nurses II	6	10	7721
13. Cops	6	10	7612
14. EST Students	5	11	7743
15. Fin Pers	5	11	5500
16. Lab II	4	12	7494
17. N.P. Service	3	13	6903
18. Nurses I	0	16	6615

## More Scuttlebutt . . .

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a grandmother . . . Jack Young, Ted McClintock, and Larry Hooser claim the cauliflower ears Larry brought back from San Francisco were the result of bumping into an aircraft carrier . . .

**LIFE BEGINS:** LTJG Robert O. McMahan and his wife, Mary, welcomed a baby girl on 11 November. Her name is Kathleen Marie, and she weighed 7 lbs. 7½ oz. at birth.



## Hospital Kegler Crew Wins Two

The Hospital Keglers, with team captain Chaplain L. G. Vosseler at the helm, downed the San Francisco Marines 2 to 1 last Monday evening on the local's hard lanes and won the series, bringing the Knoll club's won, lost record to 10-5 in the League.

The locals swept the first two games, even though the leathernecks were armed with the high man in the 12ND League, D. McDaniels. The locals dropped the last heat by 52 pins. In the first contest Chaplain Vosseler and HM2 Vic Irving combined talents to pick up 89 pins. This all happened when team captain Vosseler turkeyed out and Vic Irving doubled in the tenth frame.

The team series for the three games for the Knoll team was 799 in the first heat, 838 in the second. In the third the locals registered a 766 in losing. The total number of pins felled by the Oak Knoll squad was 2403 against a 2341 scored by the Marines.

The top bowler for the evening was Chaplain Vosseler. He lead both teams with a game series of 521, a high game of 195, and an average of 174 for the three games. HM3 L. E. Hooser again ran a second when he posted a 488 series and a 188 high game.

Other bowlers on the squad were LT P. M. Griffith and HMC H. E. Engen.

Next Monday evening the hospital keglers will be guests of NSC, Oakland, on the opponent's hard lanes.

The averages, including this game, of the Oak Knoll bowlers are:

HM2 Vic Irving	164
Chaplain Vosseler	160
LT P. M. Griffith	160
HMC H. E. Engen	158
HM3 L. E. Hooser	157

Movie Director—"Unmarried?"  
Applicant—"Twice."

Those who are aboard for Thanksgiving Day dinner will "eat hearty" judging from the menu which includes everything from shrimp cocktail to mince pie, with roast tom turkey, oyster crackers, ripe olives, pickles, radishes, green onions, cranberry sauce, giblet gravy, baked virginia ham, candied yams, snowflake potatoes, fresh green peas, buttered corn niblets, lettuce wedges, 1000 island dressing, sesame seed rolls, pound cake, coffee, milk, and nuts to fill in the empty places, to say nothing of candies, cigarettes, cigars, and a souvenir menu to send home to the folks.



**Oak Knoll Special**—Will Fry, with the aid of Jack Young, picking up ten yards and a TD for the Hilltoppers. This touchdown was to no avail as the USS PHILIPPINE SEA won easily, 52-18.

## Oak Knoll Team "Drowned" 52-18

The Oak Knoll football club continued in their tailspin when USS PHILIPPINE SEA five crushed them 52-18 Tuesday, 10 November. With this loss the Knoll club racks up a won-lost record of four and five, with two games left in the season.

Even before the Knoll team got the pigskin the opponents scored their first touchdown, one of three they scored, minutes apart. Fry, at the helm for the Hilltoppers, flipped a pass intended for Fred Guith. One of "the enemy" jumped up, intercepted the hide and two plays later ran for another USS PHILIPPINE SEA touchdown. Minutes later they scored their third TD, making the score 19-0.

Before the period was over Fry got his arm under control to flip a long pass to Guith for a touchdown and six points. The conversion was batted out of Fry's hands, and as the first quarter ended, the opponents led 19-6.

It was the same story in the second period. The locals got underway, with Fry at the helm. He shot a pass to Big Guith in the end zone. The extra point was blocked. The Hilltoppers closed the gap, but only for a few minutes. USS PHILIPPINE SEA came back to score again, making the tally 26-12.

### ROOF CAVES IN

The Knoll team's defensive weakened as the opponents continued to pound away. Again Fry found the range and piloted his team down to the 15-yard line with his passing attack. Fry took the ball on a quarterback sneak and raced to paydirt, and as the gun sounded to end the half, the Hilltoppers were losing 26-18.

The opponents racked up 26 more points in the third and fourth quarters with their passing attack. After the gun went off to end the game, the score read USS PHILIPPINE SEA 52, Oak Knoll 18.

### POINTS SCORED

Fred Guith continues to lead the locals in scoring with 63 points. His closest rival is Will Fry with 42 points. The complete team has scored 236 points, while their opponents have scored 250, 114 of these points in the last two games.

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the United Crusade.



Sunday, 22 November  
**MAN OF CONFLICT**—Edward Arnold and John Agar, DRAMA. Rating: Good. This is a father and son picture. The father tries to show the son what he would do with life if he were twenty years younger—a "fast glance" movie.

Monday, 23 November  
A stage show is taking the place of the movie tonight at 1730. The second movie will be shown as scheduled at 1930.

**ELOPEMENT**—Clifton Webb, Ann Frances, and Charles Bickford, COMEDY. Rating: Very Good. That man is back—Clifton Webb, in a love story this time. He falls in love with Ann Frances; then Charles Bickford does the same thing. Everyone ends up on a gigantic merry-go-round.

Tuesday, 24 November  
**CHARGE AT FEATHER RIVER**—Glen Ford, Frank Lovejoy, and Helen Westcott, WESTERN. Rating: Very good. Here is a real super western thriller about two white gals captured by Indians and the men who try to save them. It was a made into a "flat" and technicolor added.

Wednesday, 25 November  
**ON MOONLIGHT BAY**—Doris Day and Gordon MacRae, MUSICAL. Rating: Very good. Two songbirds who have sung their way through many pictures are back again on Oak Knoll screens. As a headline attraction, they use an old, old song—"On Moonlight Bay." With this tune and other familiar songs, they will have the audience humming.

Thursday, 26 November  
**WATCH THE BIRDIE**—Red Skelton and Arlene Dahl, COMEDY. Rating: Very good. That radio, television, and movie star is here again—Red Skelton; this time teamed up with Miss Dahl to set the movie world rocking with his funny situations and jokes.

Friday, 27 November  
**APPOINTMENT IN HONDURAS**—Glen Ford, Ann Sheridan, and Zachary Scott, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. Glen Ford finds himself battling both a jungle and greedy men in this tale. Taking matters in his own hands, he gets men out of jail to help him reach his destination. For hostages he takes weak-minded Scott and his beautiful wife, Miss Sheridan.

Saturday, 28 November  
**AL JENNINGS OF OKLAHOMA**—Dan Duryea, WESTERN. Rating: Fair. Dan Duryea portrays the life of Al Jennings in a usual plot western. The law of the shooter takes over where the badge authority ends—that is until one man stands up for law and justice.

A Texan visiting in New York was held up by a bandit.

"Give me your money or I'll blow your brains out."

"Blow away. A man can live in New York without brains but not without money."

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# THE OAK LEAF



Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Todd

## Home Wedding Joins Knollites

Another wedding of special interest at Oak Knoll took place Sunday in Santa Rosa when Alida L. Quick, former Red Cross recreation worker, became the bride of Leslie E. Todd, HM3, of Special Services.

In the photo above the groom helps his bride in cutting the beautiful wedding cake that was served at a reception following the ceremony, at which LCDR R. E. Jenkins, Protestant chaplain, officiated. The bride was attended by her friend, Dolly Meeker of Santa Rosa, and David Ranta, HM3, served as best man.

Following a two weeks' honeymoon in Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. Todd will make their home in Minneapolis, Minn., where he will resume his civilian job in time-study work. His discharge from the service becomes effective 15 December.

## KAF Surgery Specialist Sees Hospital Service

CAPT L. M. Crooks, principal specialist in orthopaedic surgery and neurovascular surgery for the Royal Air Forces of Great Britain, spent last week observing surgical procedures at Oak Knoll.

The captain's visit to this country during October and November was arranged through the offices of the British Joint Services Mission, Air Force Staff, Washington, D. C., and the purpose of his visit is to inquire into the peripheral vascular surgical methods and research in this subject in this country.

While here he spent considerable time making rounds with CAPT R. S. Silvis, Chief of Surgery; and CAPT F. P. Kreuz, Chief of the Orthopedic Service.

**Small Stores Closed**  
Small Stores will be closed on 4, 7, 11, 14, 28, 29, 30 and 31 Dec.

## Hospital Hunters Invade Tulelake; Return With Geese and Pheasants

Thirty tired but happy hunters returned to Oak Knoll Monday evening in the R4D8 that flew them from NAS Alameda to the Tulelake hunting grounds and brought them back loaded with geese and pheasants.

This was the third annual hunting party sponsored by the Tulelake 20-30 club and supported by the entire population of that small Northern California town, where the citizens believe there is the "best shooting in the world."

The patients, many of them amputees, some still in wheelchairs, took off from Alameda at 1000 Friday and flew to the Oregon Municipal airport at Klamath Falls, where their hosts met them in private cars that carried

them back across the border. At Tulelake the patients were assigned to private homes where each became "one of the family" for the week end.

Saturday was the first day of pheasant season, and the patients (dressed as if for a Korea winter—some outfits complete with coonskin caps) with their hosts, headed for the hunting area. All the necessities for the outing, including guns, licenses, ammunition, and hunting dogs (to say nothing of fine food and lodging) were provided by the citizens of Tulelake.

After two days of hunting and three of hospitality, the hunters climbed aboard the plane Monday (Continued on page 3)

## HMC's Boost United Fund Campaign By Gift of \$279; Fund Nears \$8000

Staff chiefs headed by J. R. Baranski this week gave an added boost to the United Fund Drive by turning in an extra gift of \$279—above and beyond the amount they had already given through individual solicitations early in the drive.

Other enlisted personnel, lagging in their contributions to date, have let it be known that they expect to match or surpass the Chiefs' dona-

tion, and the results of their final effort will be announced in a later issue of the OAK LEAF.

As the "mopping-up" operation gets under way, the United Fund at Oak Knoll is nearing the \$8000 mark, according to CAPT R. S. Poos, Chairman of the Drive, who also urges all military and civilian personnel to pay up their outstanding pledges this coming week.



Queenie consented to pose this week with her quadruplets, born at Transportation on 13 November. "They're a little young to photograph well, but they're fine healthy babies—all girls this time," the young mother barked in response to the congratulations of her friends on the compound. The quads are Queenie's 29th, 30th, 31st, and 32nd puppies. She has had four sets of quints and a set of octuplets since she turned in here in a "delicate" condition a little over two years ago.

Queenie (on leave from her duties as assistant to Jim McAsey, the mail run driver) feels that her first duty is to her family. But she is eager to be back on the job, and when she rode up to the Post Office with Jim Tuesday to reassure her fellow workers of this fact, it was hard to tell whether she or the postal people enjoyed the reunion more.



LTJG W. F. Hollis

## Chaplain Reports To Hospital Staff

Fresh out of Chaplain's School, Newport, Rhode Island, LTJG William F. Hollis, Jr., CHC, USNR, arrived at Oak Knoll on 13 November as relief for LCDR Robert E. Jenkins, who will leave Monday for 1st Marine Division, FMF, Camp Pendleton.

Chaplain Hollis was a former enlisted man, AB3, from March 1943 to March 1946, when he was allowed to complete his theological studies at Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Center, Mass. He received his BA at Franklin College, Franklin, Ind. His tour of duty during the three years of enlistment took him to Sampson Air Base, New York; Navy Pier, Chicago; NATTC, Memphis, Tenn.; NATC, Norman, Okla.; and NAS, Pensacola, Fla.

The new Chaplain and his wife, Ruth, live a short drive from the base.

## Officers' Wives Begin Gift Wrapping Task

The time is here again when Officers' Wives prepare to wrap Christmas gifts for all patients and staff members who need their help.

Beginning Tuesday, 1 December, the wrapping booth in the bowling alley will be open from 1000 to 1600, five days a week, continuing through Wednesday, 23 December.

Special Services will supply fancy ribbon and Christmas papers suitable to wrap everything from diamond rings to electric trains (both of which are available in the Navy Exchange).

A crew of Officers' Wives, including Mrs. B. E. Bradley, chairman; Mrs. H. A. Gross, Mrs. R. S. Silvis, Mrs. C. D. Riggs, Mrs. C. C. Shaw, and other volunteers, will be on deck each day to do the work.

Patients unable to come to the booths themselves will be helped with their Christmas package wrapping by the Red Cross Gray Ladies.



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

A few years ago Rev. Gordon H. Schroeder passed out a card to each person in my home church in Albany, New York. With the card came a challenge. Let me share the message of the card with you.

### Try Religion For A Day

"I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."—Phil. 4:13.

#### 1. BE GRATEFUL

Think throughout the day of the things for which you are grateful to God.

#### 2. BE POSITIVE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

Repeat a number of times during the day a statement that expresses your faith in God, such as the Scripture verse printed above.

#### 3. BE THOUGHTFUL OF OTHERS

Find many ways during the day of doing specific acts of kindness for others.

A prayer for the day—"Father, may Thy will be done through me today."

Keep this thought before you and read it a number of times during the day. The sincere practicing of these principles for a day will so change your entire life that you will continue practicing them indefinitely.

—W. F. HOLLIS, JR.,  
Protestant Chaplain.

## Red Cross Opens Instructors' Course

Those who have had basic first aid training, and feel they would like to help save lives through teaching their skills to others, are urged to enroll in an instructors' course with the Red Cross.

Daytime instruction will be this week in Oakland, and enrollment is open until Tuesday, 30 November.

New methods in artificial respiration and revised care of bleeding control by tourniquet, will be included with other changes in first aid procedures.

Those interested should write to Oakland Red Cross, 906 Fallon St., or phone TWinoaks 3-5870.

## Welcome Farewell

Reporting in were LT's Marion L. Morgan, NC, USN, from USNHCS, San Diego, Calif., and Agnes C. Stillinger, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, New York; HN's C. W. Wise, F. J. Tefertiller, A. Sokicki, L. E. Miller, R. D. Hulsey, B. G. Higgins, B. G. Hill, R. R. Olivas, and D. E. Winfield, and HA's A. P. Mouton, F. A. Schiavo, R. C. Breitmeyer, R. E. Lee, C. H. Lundin, L. J. Nelson, W. T. Quinn, III, and B. H. Rork, from HCS, San Diego, Calif.

Detached were LT Mildred P. Thompson, NC, USNR, to USNH, San Diego, Calif.; H. "L." House, HM1, to USS HAVEN, AH-12; HM3's R. C. Farmer, to U. S. Naval Dispensary, 50 Fell St., San Francisco, and J. M. Davis, to USNRTC, Indianapolis, Ind.; and HN's H. B. Williams, Jr., H. G. Wine, A. D. Welch, Jr., R. E. Vaughan, R. Hajicek, and A. H. Gambel, to USMarBks, Camp Pendleton.

Released to inactive duty were LT Benjamin H. Flowe, MC, USNR, LTJG's Shirley M. Jacobson, and Shirley A. Feeney, NC, USNR. B. R. Fry, HN, was discharged.

## LT Simon Certified By Internal Medicine Board

LT Daniel S. Simon, Ward Medical Officer on Ward 62B of the Medical Service, has just received word that he has been certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

He is one of thirty current staff doctors to be certified by the various specialty boards.



These three girls accompanied by their sponsor, MRS. D. A. SMITH (center) and MRS. TOM JONES, Motor Service driver, are just a few of the Berkeley Junior Red Cross members who donate their time and talents to bring flowers to the wards and lounge each Wednesday afternoon. Patients pictured are AN GEORGE MILNER and SGT LOREN POLSON.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### HAIL AND FAREWELL

The Red Cross staff welcomes Jo Anne Wood, a newcomer to the organization. She has just completed recreation training in the last course given at this hospital. Farewells go to Aleta Cutler, secretary to the Field Director, and Margaret Smith, Recreation Aide. Mrs. Cutler will join the staff at the University of California and Miss Smith is being transferred to the United States Naval Hospital at Corona.

### WARD MOVIE SCHEDULE

25 November through 1 December:

"The Kid From Left Field," with Dan Dailey and Anne Bancroft;

"So This Is Love," with Kathryn Grayson and Walter Abel.

2 December through 8 December:

"Sailor of the King," with Jeffrey Hunter and Michael Rennie;

"The Man From the Alamo," with Glenn Ford and Julia Adams.

### ALTA MIRA CLUB SCORES

The annual holidays fete given by

the Alta Mira Club of Oakland and San Leandro for several closed wards was received with much enthusiasm and sincere appreciation. Beautifully decorated baskets of fruit and practical gift packages were distributed to each patient, and two wards are now enjoying the use of a recording machine and 3-speed record player presented by the organization. Pop corn, cookies, and cider augmented the refreshment list. The patients wish to extend their wholehearted appreciation and warmest thanks to a most generous and successful group of community friends!

### CHRISTMAS WRAPPING

A Christmas wrapping service sponsored by Special Services and the Red Cross, will be conducted by the Officers' wives in the check room of the Bowling Alley. All male patients and staff enlisted personnel may bring their packages for gift wrapping starting Tuesday, 1 December, through 23 December, from 1000 to 1600, Mondays through Fridays. Red Cross Gray Ladies will facilitate wrapping services on the wards for the bed patients.

## Service-wide Test Scheduled for Feb.

Service-wide competitive examinations for advancement in rating will be held at this command in February 1954 for pay grades E-4, E-5, E-6, and E-7. All Hospital Corpsmen are advised that there are certain prerequisites which must be completed prior to 15 January, 1954 in order to qualify for recommendation for examination. Any member of the staff may determine his eligibility and ascertain the course necessary for recommendation by reporting to the Staff Personnel Office as soon as practicable (contact HM2 Plyler). It is the personal responsibility of the individual to take action in regard to his qualification for this examination.

The following items are mandatory qualifications for HM3 examinations:

- (1) General Training Course for HM2 (NavPers 10602-A).
- (2) Satisfactory completion of a class "A" school (HCS).
- (3) Practical Factors for HM3.

## News Letter Says Motor Car Deadliest Weapon

According to a recent issue of the Medical News Letter, the motor vehicle is the deadliest weapon known to our civil and military forces.

During 1952 there were 8,486 Navy Men and Marines admitted to the sick list as a result of motor vehicle traffic accidents, and one out of 17 ended in death. In addition, there were 253 admitted to the sick list as a result of nontraffic accidents involving motor vehicles.

At the same time there were 8,700 battle casualties of these services in Korea, but only 4,750 were serious enough to be put on the sick list.

Noneffective days in 1952 resulting from motor vehicle accidents represent a daily loss of about 1,070 men enough to man several large destroyers, or a full combat infantry battalion of Marines.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030  
Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES  
0600-0800-0900-1200  
DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630  
Confessions before Mass  
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel  
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN  
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON  
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015



# Scuttlebutt

**PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:**  
 LT William J. Deegan has received word of his selection for USN . . . Faye Silvis, wife of the Chief of Surgery, can have a new feather on her cap. She bagged a pheasant the second day of the season . . . CAPT Frank Kreuz, chairman of the '52 United Fund Drive, is the champ contributor this year with his 50-dollar gift. Equally commendable are the gifts of two enlisted men. A staff man in Dental Service gave \$20, and a member of the ALD staff gave \$15.  
 CWOHC C. J. Peart has been living high this week, and he didn't even have to get his feet wet. His cousin in Tulalake sent him a brace each of pheasants and geese when local hunters returned Monday. An old Tulalake homesteader himself, Mr. Peart recalls the time when he and fellow grammar school pupils voted to make the name of the Northern California border town one word instead of two . . . R. C. and W. H. Woodford have a hard time keeping their identities straight. R. C. is Ward Corpsman on 79B, W. H. on 45B. Another brother team, Jim and Jack McGill, to make matters even more confusing, are both on duty in the NP service.

**RANDOM SIGHTS & SOUNDS:**  
 Crowds gathering to view HN Gerald Ferrier's new Mercury's fine points . . . 30 patients talking of the wonderful Thanksgiving dinner they had at the new Oakland restaurant named Simon's on the Square . . . two ducks waddling in the puddles outside HCQ . . . tender grass sprouting on the hills . . . Larry Redinger in Photo Arts with a lady named Ethelyn . . . Marian Beck's pup Pogo hobbling with a cast on his leg—result of a 15-foot fall that caused multiple fractures, right front leg.

**OAKNOLLUMNI:** SGT Bob Kenemore, USMC, Ret., one of Oak Knoll's most famous "old grads," is back on 42A for a brief period of treatment that is giving him the best rest he's had for a year. It was last November that Bob received the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroic Korea action that saved the lives of several men and cost him both legs. Since he and his wife, Mary Jo, their three sons and a daughter flew to the White House for the presentation, life has been a round of public appearances and honors. Incidentally, Bob's fourth boy was born here on 20 October.

**IN THE PUBLIC EYE:** CDR T. A. Harris will speak Wednesday night to Reserve Ordnance Co. 12-2 at TI . . . LT Joseph L. Yetka will talk to Redwood City Rotarians Tuesday and Chaplain LeMay to Cloverdale Rotarians Thursday.

## Basic Science Lectures Begin Tuesday Night

A new series of eight Basic Science Lectures—an important part of the training program for interns and residents—will begin Tuesday night, when Dr. Albert P. Kreuger, Professor of Bacteriology at the University of California and consultant for Oak Knoll's Environmental Sanitation School, speaks on the "Clinical Significance and Laboratory Aspects of Air Borne Infections."

Save the Payroll Savings Plan Way, Laugh all your future debts away.

# Staff Personalities



Born in France, ENS Francine Bedel, USNR, has had the golden opportunity to see that country and Italy. Her home town now is Malverne, Long Island, New York, near Bellevue Hospital, where she received her nurses' training, and St. Albans, where she took her Navy indoctrination course. A Knollite since 7 April, 1953, she was assigned to Ward 70A and B for four months before working nights in the Nursery on 73A. Now it's p.m.'s. Interests claiming Miss Bedel's spare time are knitting, horseback riding, bowling, and swimming. In civilian life she was night nurse in charge of the operating room in Boulevard Hospital, Astoria, Long Island.

## More Pheasant Hunters

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noon to fly back through stormy skies to Alameda and Oak Knoll.

CAPT Herman A. Gross, SGT Corbett Ray, USMC, Retired, civilian amputee instructor, and Cecil Vaughan, HN, accompanied the group, which included Emery C. Bublak, CS3, of San Francisco; Orbie Ray Linder, RMSN, Loraine, Tex.; PFC Joseph V. Gillette, Winsted, Conn.; SGT Robert L. Weinbrandt, USAF, San Diego; Lloyd M. McCord, GM3, San Diego; Joseph B. Merrill, SN, Springfield, Mo.; PFC Billy R. Collins, Waco, Tex.; Robert L. Dunn, BM3, Sacramento; SGT Alfred M. Kalinowski, Holland, N.Y.; Millard R. Trout, FN, Indianapolis, Ind.; James L. Wise, veteran, Fort Worth, Tex.; PFC Donald K. Johnson, Fulton, N.Y.; PFC Alfonso Rivera, Panama City, C.Z.; PVT Dave E. Upchurch, Kileen, Tex.; Edwin M. Martinez, FN, Albuquerque, N.M.; PFC Charles A. Ruckoldt, Chicago, Ill.; PFC Henry Curley, Jr., Ganado, Ariz.; PFC Edward G. Smialkowski, Baltimore, Md.; James H. Knight, AN, Wheeling, W. Va.; Don Meyer, FN, Chico; Edward Sparzynski, AE3, Chicago, Ill.; SGT Alton L. Cross, Horse Creek, Wyo.; Roger J. Furey, ADAN, Boston, Mass.; John F. Rehbock, CDCP, Atascadero; Elyn Wood, AN, Flint, Mich.; PFC Bill Gregorski, Oxford, Conn.; PFC Robert L. Chaney, South Bend, Ind.; George L. Arrington, FFC, Newport News, Va.; PVT John S. Dickinson, Sterling, N.D., and Duane D. Hodges, SN, of Hartford, Kan.

Photographs of the trip were not available in time to make this week's OAK LEAF. Watch for them in the 5 December issue.

One of the three Urology School students on the compound is Wesley O. Habeck, HN, from Lisbon, North Dakota. Entering the Navy in February, 1952, "Wes" was sent to Great Lakes for recruit training and corps school, and in October, 1952, reported for duty at Oak Knoll. He was assigned to the Urology Clinic and

liked the work well enough to apply for the Urology Technician School. As a civilian, "Wes" drove a truck, and when he is discharged way up there in 1956, he plans to return to North Dakota to become a farmer. After hours, sleep is first on this young man's agenda; hunting is second.



## DDC-VUES PRE-VUES

Sunday, 29 November

**EASY TO LOVE**—Esther Williams, Van Johnson and Tony Martin, COMEDY. Rating: Very good. Esther Williams is the co-star of a water-ski ballet. Van Johnson plays her boss and treats her as part of the merchandise. She goes to New York where she meets Mr. Martin who falls in love with her. It is a picture that hasn't been released to the public and will be a "first-glance" for Knoll moviegoers.

Monday, 30 November

**HOLIDAY FOR SINNERS**—Keenan Wynn, Janice Rule, and Gig Young, COMEDY. Rating: Good. There is no information on this film listed in the files.

Tuesday, 1 December

**FORT TI**—George Montgomery, Joan Vohs, and Irving Bacon, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. This is one of the first 3-D films that went into a "flat" for the viewers. Filmed in technicolor, it tells of the colonial wars, and has its quota of tomahawks, spears, and guns.

Wednesday, 2 December

**SON OF ALI BABA**—Piper Laurie and Tony Curtis, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. Beautiful women, crossed swords, and flashing young men are all in this Arabian Nights feature.

Thursday, 3 December

**WHERE THE SIDEWALK ENDS**—Dana Andrews and Gene Tierney, MYSTERY. Rating: Very good. A cop does his duty beyond the call, and it turns out he kills a man. This leads to a deeper case and covering up the facts. It has the usual fights, suspense, and gun play.

Friday, 4 December

**CRAZY LEGS, ALL-AMERICAN**—Elroy Hirsch and Lloyd Nolan, SPORTS DRAMA. Rating: Very good. Elroy "Crazylegs" Hirsch plays himself in this football movie. It is a story of himself and of many of the great games that he has played—a completely honest football picture, packed with thrills and forward passes.

Saturday, 5 December

**THE PAINTED HILLS**—The dog Lassie and Paul Kelly, MYSTERY. Rating: Good. Lassie fans are in for a treat in this dramatic story of how a dog's devotion to his master solves a crime. Released in 1951, it is a "second-glance" movie.

# Berkeley Stage Show Makes Hit

The Berkeley Varieties, presented by Berkeley High School in conjunction with the Junior Red Cross Chapter of Berkeley, were presented Monday night to an enthusiastic audience.

Directed by Mrs. E. B. Chiswell, music instructor at Berkeley High, the 68-minute variety show started with a bang when Steve Shadlich's "Dry Five" jazzed it out with "Stairway to Paradise" and "I've Got Rhythm."

A bit of Hawaii was brought on stage when a group of girls in holo-kus made rhythm with the Hawaiian Stick Dance and Hula.

Other acts included a Cuban Incantation Dance, originated by the High School Dance Club; the Hayseeds, two country cousins, entertaining themselves country-style in the big city; and a "Me and My Shadow" song and dance act. A change of temperature occurred when a quartet sang "Turn On the Heat," after the duet, "Baby It's Cold Outside."

Bob Roth's pantomime of Jerry Lewis brought a big round of applause, when the scene switched to an act in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," and a bevy of them claimed "Diamonds are a girl's best friend." Donna Larnach and Helen Kouns duetted their way past the blondes with "When Love Goes Wrong," and the show ended with the whole cast singing "Good Night" and "We'll Meet Again."

## 15 ADVANCED TO HN's

Fifteen HA's added another stripe to their sleeves as of 16 November. They are J. G. Baker, B. E. Behringer, J. A. Boyle, S. O. Hickerson, D. J. Leo, R. B. Noble, D. C. Papke, W. L. Raney, W. G. Simmons, D. R. Smith, C. L. Stephens, E. F. Sutherland, L. L. Swain, J. T. Taschioglow, and M. L. Vasquez.



Abbreviations that relate to physical examinations. (Match the right hand column with those on the left.)

R.M.L. ( ) (1) Right upper quadrant.  
 R.U.L. ( ) (2) Right middle lobe.  
 R.U.Q. ( ) (3) Right upper lobe.

These abbreviations relate to tests and examinations:

BMR ( ) (1) Gall bladder series of X-rays.  
 BSP ( ) (2) Erythrocyte sedimentation rate.  
 CBC ( ) (3) Gastrointestinal series of X-rays.  
 ESR ( ) (4) Basal metabolism rate.  
 GB ( ) (5) Bromsulfalein test.  
 GI ( ) (6) Complete blood count.

## ANSWERS TO QUIZ

GI (3) GI (3), R.U.L. (2), R.U.L. (3), and R.U.Q. (1). The second part: BMR (4), BSP (5), CBC (6), ESR (2), GB (1), and GI (3).



# Will Fry Passes, Runs Hilltoppers to 33-19 Victory in His Last Game

Sparking the game with his passing and running plays, Will Fry drove the Hilltoppers to a 33-19 victory over Treasure Island in his last football game for the Knollites, Wednesday, 18 November. This stopped a two-game losing streak for the locals and boosted their won, lost record to 5-5. Fry figured in all but one of the touchdowns as he scored 24 points for the Oak Knoll football squad.

In the first few minutes in the first period Treasure Island took its attack into the air and scored the first TD. The Knollites struck back quickly with Fry at quarterback. On a kickoff, Fry took the hide, returned it for 60 yards and a touchdown. The extra point was good, Jack McGill shooting a pass to Fred Guith. That was the only point the team's top scorer scored.

## TIED SCORE

Working from a single wing, which the locals employed almost throughout the game, Fry piloted his team down to the two-yard line. There, Fry took the pigskin around end for another TD. The point-after-touchdown was blocked. T.I. struck back to tie the score in the closing minutes of the half with a terrific passing attack. When the gun sounded, Oak

Knoll and T.I. were tied 13-13.

The T.I. five jumped out in the lead in the second half when they passed over Duso's head for another score and seven points. Again, Fry passed and ran his team into scoring position. With time ebbing away, and the locals five yards out from the opponents' goal, Fry ran around end for another TD. Jack McGill passed to Dick Baer for the extra point. This put the Oak Knoll five in the lead by a score of 20-19.

## MORE SCORES

The game moved into the fourth period with Jack McGill at the helm. Still working from the single wing, McGill shot a long pass to Baer, who made a terrific catch and raced home to pay dirt. Quarterbacks changed as Fry replaced McGill and passed to Duso for the extra point. With minutes left in the last quarter, Fry passed and ran his team to the four-yard line. He then took the ball over for the score on a quarterback sneak. As the clock ran out, the score read, Oak Knoll 33, Treasure Island 19.

## NEW LEADER

At the conclusion of the game, Will Fry took the lead in points scored for the team with 70. Fred Guith has 64, and Jack Young is third with 24.



Set them up again is the familiar cry of the Lab I team as the Intrahospital League swings into the fourth week. This club has never been out of first place and is undefeated with 20 straight wins. Those that keep the Lab I five up in the standings are, left to right, T. L. McClintock, C. W. Green, team captain W. B. Carter, B. W. Funk, and George Bardowski.

# Lab I Keglers Sweep Fifth Series; Powerful CPO Team Takes Second

With comparative ease, team captain W. B. Carter and the Lab I Keglers swept their fifth consecutive series of the bowling season. This week X-Ray II were their victims, and this series makes it 20 consecutive wins for Lab I.

The CPO Club continued to stay in contention when they defeated Nurses II and still held the lead with 10980 pins felled in the league. This victory, with the Alders taking only two heats, put the CPO's in second place. The largest surprise of the week happened when the Mustangs upset CS&R and toppled the squad into sixth place.

Nurses I lost their fifth consecutive series of the bowling season when they were defeated by EST students. Other standings remained almost the same.

The CPO team continued to dominate the league, but dropped eight points off their team average. L. E. Hooser continued to lead the league with a 163 individual average for the Cops. This is six points from his pace last week.

Here are the complete Intrahospital League standings:

TEAM	Won	Lost	Pins
1. Lab I	20	0	10582
2. CPO	15	5	10980
3. Alders	14	6	10475
4. Dental	14	6	10224
5. Fin Civs	14	6	10086
6. CS&R	14	6	9831
7. Mustangs	11	9	10918
8. EST I	11	9	9771
9. Transportation	11	9	9589
10. Nurses II	10	10	9778
11. X-Ray I	9	11	10867
12. Fin Pers	9	11	7301
13. X-Ray II	8	12	9612
14. Cops	7	13	9536
15. EST Students	5	15	9629
16. Lab II	5	15	9217
17. N.P. Service	3	17	8847
18. Nurses	0	20	8245

# Women Hoopsters to Meet Parks Air Force

With their first game on the hardwood just two days away, members of the Oak Knoll Women's Basketball team have been putting in several hours of hard work at the practice courts during the past week.

The opening game of the season will be Monday, 30 November, against Parks Air Force Base on the opponents' floor. There are three basketball games scheduled for the Knoll club in December, with eight scheduled after the holidays. The first home game will be against NAS, Alameda. All home games will be played at the Mills College Gym.

ENS Dolly Carston is assisted in her coaching duties by Dale Folger and Robert Foster of Special Services. Those on the team are: Carol McClellan, Helen Anderson, Barbara Kayser, Terry Verbish, Irene Polkenhorn, Eleanor Di Ioli, Joyce Gibbs, Marge Sather, Marty Marx, Joyce Brenner, Helen Kuchera and Lois Duran.

"Can you stand on your head?"  
"Nope. It's too high."

# Knoll Keglers Lose 3 to NSC

The Oak Knoll bowling team dropped its first series of the season when they traveled to the Naval Supply Center's hard lanes, last Monday evening. The powerful NSC five swept all three heats, bringing the Knoll Club's won-lost record in the league to 10-8.

The NSC five lost no time. They won the first series with a rousing 889, the second with 841, and the third with 843. The Knollites in their series bowled 779, 773, and 773. The NSC team knocked 2573 pins down for the evening, while the locals felled 2325.

LTP M. Griffith had a high game of 210, which is the highest bowled this season by a Knollite. HM3 L. E. Hooser followed with a 193 heat, and ran second with a 484 series for the Oak Knoll five to a 496 posted by HM2 Vic Irving.

Other bowlers on the squad were team captain, Chaplain L. C. Vosseler and HMC H. E. Engen.

The Knollites will be host to VR-2 Alameda, on the locals' hard lanes Monday evening.

# Attention Golfers

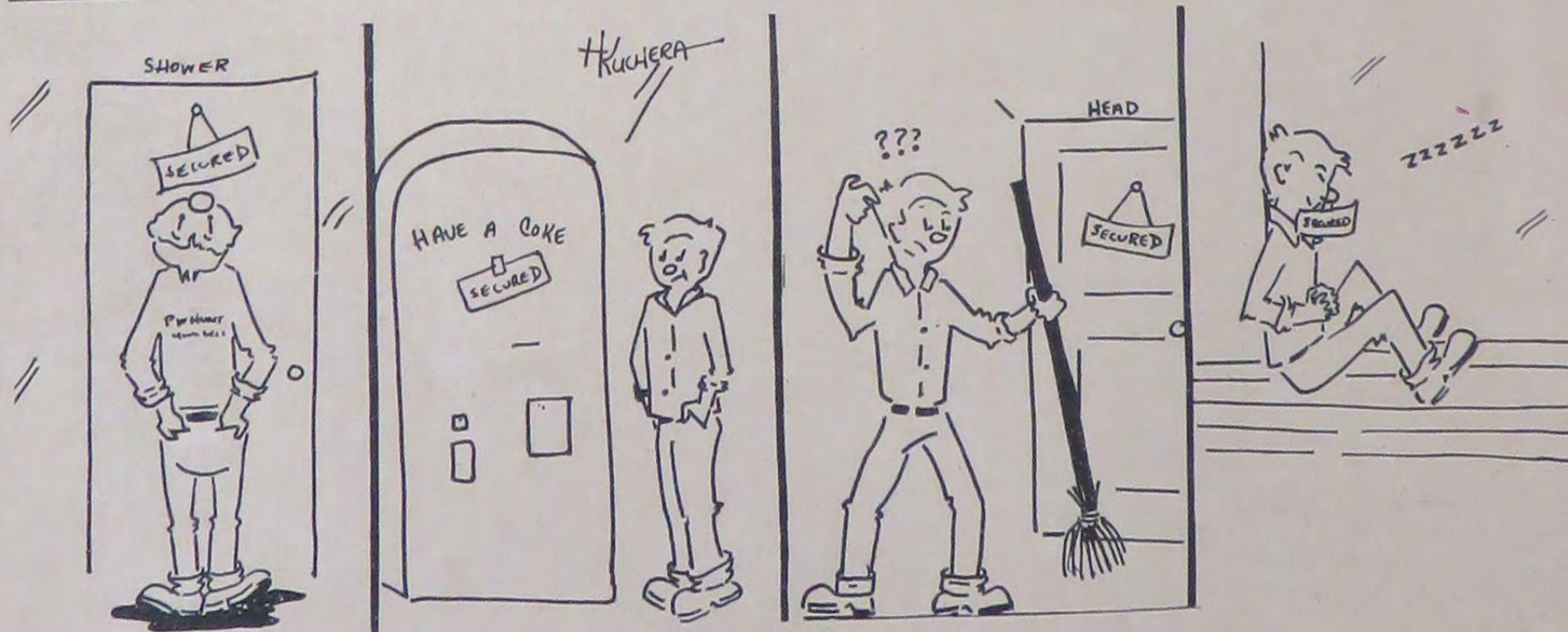
The call is out for all golfers who wish to play in the District League next year. Forming of the Oak Knoll team will begin the second week in January.

All personnel interested in becoming a member of the Knoll squad please contact Chief Leslie Johnson at Special Services.

The strength of America is Defense Bonds.

## Notice

For the convenience of all staff and patient personnel, the Navy Exchange will be open today from 0900-1700, and will be open each Saturday through 19 December.



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## Liberty Schedule Out For Holidays

The following is the liberty schedule for Christmas. Liberty for section watch will begin at 1200, Thursday, 24 December to 0800, Monday, 28 December.

Port watch liberty will commence at 1630, Monday, 21 December to 0730, Tuesday, 22 December. From 1200, Thursday 24 December to 0730, Monday, 28 December.

Starboard watch liberty will commence at 1630, Tuesday, 22 December to 0730, Thursday, 24 December.

The liberty schedule for New Year starts 1200, Thursday, 31 December to 0730, Monday, 4 January for section watch.

Port watch liberty will commence at 1630, Tuesday, 29 December to 0730, Thursday, 31 December.

Liberty for starboard watch commences at 1630, Monday, 28 December to 0730, Tuesday, 29 December. From 1200, Thursday, 31 December to 0730, Monday, 4 January.

Staff enlisted personnel may be granted leave over one of the two periods as follows:

From 1630, Monday, 21 December to 0730, Monday, 28 December. The other period is from 1630, Monday, 29 December to 0730, Monday, 4 January.

## This Boy Delivered By Telephone

When Jeffrey Gibbs Hyde made his appearance in the wee small hours of 22 November, his mother, Margaret, had practically no warning, but with the help of LTJG George R. Bell of the Dependence Service and Irma Hancock of the Telephone Office, she managed to get him off to a good start in life.

The boy was well on his way when Mrs. Hyde called the hospital from her home in San Lorenzo. The operator quickly detected the hysteria in her voice, and while locating Dr. Bell, she talked to her in reassuring tones. Since the patient had no transportation, Mrs. Hancock ordered a cab to bring her to the hospital. Meanwhile, Dr. Bell had come on the wire to give his patient the advice she needed and (since he could hear the baby crying in the background) reassure her everything would be all right.

Everything was. Mrs. Hyde went through the necessary procedures as instructed, and when she and 4 lb. 2 oz. Jeff arrived at Oak Knoll, both were doing nicely. The boy's father, CDR W. T. Hyde, is aboard the USS GENERAL MANN.



The pheasants are gone but not forgotten by the 30 patients who flew to Tulelake for the third annual hunt sponsored by the Tulelake 20-30 Club on the week end of 21 November. Among the nimrods were these six who posed for the press on Ward 42A several days after the hunt was over and after their pheasants were resting under refrigeration in the homes of friends. From left to right, the hunters are Joseph Merrill, SN, PFC Donald Johnson, SGT Alfred Kalinowski, SGT Robert Weinbrandt, PFC Edward Smialkowski, and Lloyd McCord. GM3. Pheasants are by courtesy of CAPT Gross; photos by courtesy of THE SAN FRANCISCO NEWS.

## Civil Defense Advisory Committee Visits Oak Knoll

Members of the Regional Medical Advisory Committee of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, Region 7, and other key civil defense officials from the eight Western States met here Wednesday afternoon to consider the various phases of medical service involved in care of battle casualties from the time they are hit, through their complete rehabilitation.

Dr. William W. Stiles, Regional Medical Director of FCDA, Region 7, Medical Director, U. S. Public Health Service, associate professor of public health at the University of California, and a member of Oak Knoll's consulting staff, arranged for the hospital program, which was one of the early sessions of a conference being held at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in San Francisco. Main objective of the meeting is to give

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Among those attending the Civil Defense meeting here Wednesday were CAPT F. P. Kreuz, CAPT R. S. Silvis, Dr. John Alsever from the Washington Office of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, CAPT Bradley, and Dr. William W. Stiles, Regional Medical Director of FCDA, Region 7.



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### ADVENT

This is the season of the year when a new and strange feeling of joy and contentment wells up in our hearts. A hustle and bustle of excitement, which we cannot seem to interpret, permeates every last one of us. Mother nature herself seems to get into the act, by enshrouding the earth with a crispness that is penetrating and awakening. The tone of the church is somewhat sombre, but the spirit of gladness seems to pierce the veil, as preparations are undertaken for the birth of Christ on the 25th of December. Nothing must be left to chance as the greatest feast day in our calendar year approaches.

Yes, everyone seems to be engaged in preparing for the great event. Shops are laden with all kinds of merchandise and buildings are festooned with bright and gay colors. Crowds begin to jam all the stores as they make gift selections for their friends and relatives.

But, alas, all of this material tinsel seems to obscure the real meaning of the feast day. Concentration on physical gift passing obliterates the scene in the manger. Christ comes and goes without touching so many.

The season is too important for us to miss its real meaning. True joy and happiness will be short lived if they must depend on the worth of a material gift. Concentration then should be made to prepare them for the right thing, the coming of the Christ Child into our hearts. This and this alone gives us the true meaning of Christmas. This more than anything else in the world can explain why the joys and gladness we experience at this time are of such a sublime nature. Christmas without Christ is like Faith without Hope. Prepare well during these days for His Coming.

EDMUND J. FORD,  
 Catholic Chaplain.

## Bank Service Available Aboard Knoll Compound

Banking services are available on the compound for patients and staff, both military and civilian. The bank is open from 0930 to 1300, Monday through Friday, in Building 73, main deck.

In order not to risk loss or theft of money, it is advisable to open a checking account in this conveniently located facility, which is a branch of the Bank of America, under the management of Alex Cazet.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030  
 Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
 Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES  
 0600-0800-0900-1200  
 DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630  
 Confessions before Mass  
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel  
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

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NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
 IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON  
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

## More on Civil Defense

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the party insight into the medical and health problems facing our civil defense organizations in the event of war-caused or national disasters.

Some seventy-five doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, and administrators, including Dr. John Alsever from the Washington office of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, attended the meeting.

CAPT Bradley welcomed the group aboard, and CAPT Gross spoke briefly on the history and functions of the hospital.

CAPT Frank P. Kreuz, Chief of the Orthopedic Service, and CAPT T. J. Canty, Chief of the Amputee Service, presented patients from their services and showed the various phases of treatment and rehabilitation necessary for each. Tours of the hospital Blood Bank, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and the Artificial Limb Department followed their demonstrations. CAPT R. S. Silvis, Chief of the Surgical Service, spoke on "Field Medicine," and CAPT R. S. Poos, head of the EST School, rounded out the program with his talk on "Military Preventive Medicine."

Following the afternoon session, the visiting civil defense officials met members of the Oak Knoll staff for dinner at the Officers' Club.

"Have you any poor relations?"  
 "Not one that I know."  
 "Have you rich relations?"  
 "Not one that knows me."

## Welcome Farewell

There was a downward trend this week in the Oak Knoll staff census as 33 persons left the hospital, and only 17 reported aboard. Of those leaving 29 left for new duty stations, two were released to inactive duty and two were discharged.

Reporting in were: LT Banks H. Cates, Jr., MC, USNR, from MSTs, Pacific Area, San Francisco; LT John N. Miller, Jr., MC, USNR, from Commander LST Squadron Three; LT Marion E. Van Horne, NC, USN, from USNAD, Hawthorne, Nevada; A. D. Roberson, HM1, from USS PRINCETON, San Diego; HN's N. L. Lamoireau, D. N. Dodd, R. D. Lauterbach, P. J. Delacy, W. C. Hein, and HA's T. G. Roets, and W. H. Montoya, from HCS, Great Lakes, Illinois; HN's J. S. O'Connor, Jr., R. L. Oberle, R. W. Palda, R. J. Teodonno, R. J. Iveson, and HA I. L. Burnett, from HCS, San Diego.

Detached were: CDR Wesley Fry, MC, USN; LT James W. Halvorson, MC, USNR; LTJG John S. Spratt, Jr., MC, USNR; and LTJG Warren W. Hamilton, Jr., MC USNR, to 1st Marine Division FMF, Camp Pendleton; LTJG Elizabeth Friga, NC, USN, to Guam, Marianas; HMC's J. D. Morehouse, to USNRecSta, Seattle, Wash.; and R. S. Madden, to USS HAVEN; HM1's S. J. Syverson, to AIRFMFPAC, El Toro; and D. A. Knudsen, to USS HAVEN, AH-12; HM3's I. C. W. Orr to USS HANSON, DDR-832; and J. D. Montgomery, to USNRecSta, T. I., San Francisco; HN's R. H. Neumann, R. C. Jarvi, D. D. Neuhring, R. E. Moore, R. D. Bradley, J. K. Taber, E. Sisneros, P. C. Hatler, W. L. Deimel, B. A. Brechbiel, J. R. Bourasaw, and HA's E. T. Simonett, V. E. Muirhead, J. H. Malone, Jr., to USNSta, T. I., San Francisco; HN's C. E. Trover, "R." "L." Benson, to HDQTRS, COMSTSPACAREA, 33 Berry St., San Francisco; and J. D. Dellinger, to USS HAVEN, AH-12.

Released to inactive duty were LT Thomas R. Mihan, MC, USNR, and LT Robert L. Landis, DC, USNR. Discharged were LTJG Martha A. Nethers, NC, USNR, and M. D. Becks, HN.

## Subsistence, Meal Rates Listed

Current instructions regarding subsistence rates and meal rates to be collected locally for rations sold to authorized personnel from the hospital mess are as follows.

	B†	D†	S†	Per Ra- tion
Officer Personnel	\$.40	\$.70	\$.50	\$1.60
Enlisted Personnel	.25	.55	.30	1.10
Guests of Military Personnel	.40	.70	.50	1.60
Civilian Personnel				
Food Handlers	.50	.50	.50	1.50
Civilian Personnel with non-houskeeping quarters				
full subsistence	.50	.50	.50	1.50
*Other Civilians except those drawing per diem \$1.60	.40	.70	.50	1.60
Officers and/or Civilians drawing per diem	.50	1.00	.75	2.25
*Meal containing highest raw food cost shall be charged for at the dinner meal rate.				
†B—Breakfast, D—Dinner, S—Supper.				

"I know a fellow who got into trouble being frank and earnest."  
 "Yeah!"  
 "Yeah! Frank in New York and Ernest in Brooklyn."



Chaplain Harold E. LeMay

## Chaplain LeMay Retires From Navy

CDR Harold E. LeMay, CHC, USNR, who has served as senior chaplain at Oak Knoll since 20 March, this week turned over his duties to LCDR L. C. M. Vosseler and left for a new position as minister of the Congregational Church, Cloverdale, Calif.

Chaplain LeMay, a graduate of Bowdoin College and Bangor Theological Seminary, served in Norfolk, Va.; Oahu, T. H.; at First Naval District Headquarters, Boston; with the Fleet Marines at Camp LeJeune, and aboard the USS VULCAN during his career as a Naval Reservist.

## Officers' Wives Club to Hold Luncheon Meeting

The Oak Knoll Officers' Wives Club will hold the regular luncheon meeting at 1300 Wednesday, 9 December, at the Officers' Club.

Hostesses for the meeting will be the wives of doctors in the surgical and anesthesia departments, with Mrs. Richard Silvis in charge. A musical program has been planned for the afternoon.

## Well Done

My dear Captain Bradley:

During the past few months I had the good fortune of being hospitalized at your command. While there I was so impressed by the outstanding care and treatment accorded me that it behooves this letter of deep appreciation.

This visitation has terminated a long series of like periods caused by chronic digestive disorder. Heretofore each such period produced negative results, and consequently I was without hope when I reported to the U. S. Naval Hospital in Oakland.

In the beginning I was assigned to the care of CDR F. T. Norris, MC. Skillfully and with great proficiency he arrived at a diagnosis of chronic cholecystitis and recommended surgery. I was then placed under the care of CDR D. S. Marcy, MC, who performed the operation, and in eight days was almost back to normal. Since then I have returned to my duty station, U. S. Naval Post-graduate School, Monterey, Cal., and have progressed excellently. My deep appreciation I express simply in these words—"life is good again."

I take great pride in the fact that I am a member of the organization that includes your command as a major component.

LCDR William F. McGrath, USN





In a quiet ceremony in the hospital chapel last Saturday morning, LT Leona J. McKiel, NC, USNR, became the bride of Robert T. Panther of Berkeley. LCDR Edmund J. Ford, Catholic chaplain, officiated, and LTJG Sara S. Dahringer of the hospital staff was the maid of honor. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a honeymoon in Carmel. They will make their home in Berkeley, where Mr. Panther is employed as an automobile salesman. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph K. McKiel of South Bend, Ind.; the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo T. Panther, Des Moines, Iowa.

## Scuttlebutt

**HERE & THERE:** John Radosewich, Ward corpsman on 55A, will claim U.C. coed Shirley MacMillen as his bride in a ceremony at Newman Hall, Berkeley, at 1400 today . . . Don Rawson's Christmas card from Japan was the first to arrive for personnel, topside the Ad Bldg. . . Isabel Ramirez and Betty Winsby drove south last week to bask in the sun at Palm Springs . . . Jim Tinsley is one boy glad to be back in California. There was too much snow for him in his home town, Paducah, Ky. . . WAVES and their friends are wondering if that huge bump in the road near Bldg. 127 will EVER be fixed . . . Nellie Parque, HN, had visions of duck for Christmas when one wandered into Quarters the other day, but the young quacker managed to escape her . . . Congratulations to Mr. Huber. Wednesday was his birthday, and he doesn't look a day older . . . Chief Prah! is missing from the CO's Mailroom. He underwent surgery Monday . . . Dick Baer and Ron Young were on the 50-yard line when Notre Dame beat USC in the L.A. Coliseum last Saturday . . . Jack Swarm has packed his seabag for the last time and headed home for Baltimore . . .

**DOES FIELD DAY PAY?** That's what John Holloway, YNSN, from Alameda, wonders. He dropped a buffer on a stairway, twisted his back while trying to dodge it, and landed on 43A.

**LIFE BEGINS:** Chief Charles O. Martin passed the cigars at EST School this week. His wife, Philomena, presented him a baby daughter, Katherine Ann, on 27 November. The young miss weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz.



Herman Pheffer, the American Legion's special representative on prostheses, left Oak Knoll Wednesday after spending several days talking with amputee patients, among them Emery C. Bublak, CSSN, USN, left; and SGT Robert Weinbrandt, USMC. Mr. Pheffer, a bilateral amputee, is an authority on veterans' benefits and has made a study of jobs and schools for which amputees are specially adapted. His headquarters are in New York City.

## Holiday Festivities Begin This Week

The Rod and Gun Club of Alameda has invited forty patients to the first Christmas Party of the year, Tuesday evening, 8 December.

On the agenda are refreshments, the showing of sport films, and other entertainment.

Be one of the first to sign up at Special Services.

Mills College has extended an invitation to all the staff to attend their Christmas Candle Meeting at the Concert Hall, Wednesday, 9 December. Refreshments will be served at the meeting in the Student Union Hall.

Sign up at Special Services no later than Monday.

## Staff Personalities



That WAVE who rolls off the pages from the mimeograph machine in organization is none other than Lois L. Smith, HN. She came to Oak Knoll in June of this year after Boot at Bainbridge, HCS at Great Lakes, and TAD at Norfolk. She enlisted in June 1951. Lois, class valedictorian in Cass Technical High, Detroit, Mich., attended the Detroit Institute of Commerce and studied Elementary Education for two and a half years at Wayne University, where she was a member of Delta Sigma Theta. Before taking over her present job, Lois worked in the nursery. Since she was four years old, Lois has been taking all kinds of music lessons—drums, clarinet, cello, piano, and voice. In the future, she plans to become a schoolteacher and the wife of a civil engineer from Kansas City.

This determined man, rejected by the Navy; thought of enlisting in the Air Force; changed his mind; went to Florida for a six months vacation, then tried again and was accepted by the Navy. He is Marvin A. Cohen, DT3, from Brooklyn, New York. After his merry-go-round enlistment, in

September 1951, Marvin reported to San Diego for recruit and Dental School training. In March of 1952, he arrived at Oak Knoll and was assigned to the Dental Clinic, his present job. Marvin was majoring in English at Brooklyn College before entering the Navy. Known for his participation in bowling and baseball on the compound, his dreams will be fulfilled in '56, when he attends Dental College at Oregon State.



## Post Office Opens on Saturday Until Christmas

The Post Office announced this week that it will remain open until 1600 on Saturday, 12 December, and Saturday, 19 December, to ease the Christmas mailing rush.

Money orders may not be purchased later than the usual closing time, 1030, but stamps and parcel post will be handled until 1600.



## DDC-VUES PRE-VUES

**Sunday, 6 December**  
**HERE COME THE GIRLS**—Bob Hope, Tony Martin, Arlene Dahl, and Rosemary Clooney, COMEDY. Rating: Very good. A Bob Hope picture means delightful nonsense and this one is no exception to the rule. It's a picture filled with funny situations, a barrel of laughs, and many songs. All this and technicolor too!

**Monday, 7 December**  
**FOLLOW THE SUN**—Glenn Ford and Anne Baxter, SPORTSDRAMA. Rating: Good. This is a story of the great golfer, Ben Hogan, from the beginning of his career to his ill-fated accident, and his eventual comeback.

**Tuesday, 8 December**  
**FIGHTER ATTACK**—Sterling Hayden, Joy Page, and J. Carrol Naish, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. Out of the blue sky comes the screaming of a fighter on the prow!

**Wednesday, 9 December**  
**CAUSE FOR ALARM**—Loretta Young and Barry Sullivan, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. A new release with no additional information listed in the files.

**Thursday, 10 December**  
**SANGAREE**—Fernando Lamas and Arlene Dahl, DRAMA. Rating: Very Good. Lovely Miss Dahl is the main attraction in this picture which was a 3-D made into a "flat." Filled with post civil war problems concerning slaves, plagues, and pirates.

**Friday, 11 December**  
**REDHEADS FROM SEATTLE**—Rhonda Fleming, Gene Barry, and Guy Mitchell, MUSICAL. Rating: Very Good. Guy Mitchell has returned to the Oak Knoll screen for the first time in months. Teamed with those up-and-coming stars, he sings his way through this drama of four sisters.

**Saturday, 12 December**  
**THE MUDLARK**—Irene Dunne and Alec Guinness, DRAMA. Rating: Good. An English flicker in which a street urchin wants very badly to see Queen Victoria. With little or no success, he tries to see her legally, but the peers say "no." His ambition to see the queen continues to pound in his head. It is a heart-warming story, one you will surely want to see.





One of the main reasons that the Lab I team is in first place is team captain William Carter, who has the highest game (215), average (150), and number of pins felled (2714) on the squad. This is his second year on the Lab I kegling team.

## First Place, Lab I Squad Beaten

The 22-game winning streak of Lab I was brought to a halt when they ran into a red-hot eighth place EST I squad last week. The Lab I keggers dropped their last game but continued to hold onto first place, over the CPO club, who swept a series from N.P. Service.

Of the many surprises of the week, the Alders lost their series to Transportation and dropped to eighth place. Fin Civs dumped the lowly EST Students and with that win tied for second place with the CPO team. Dental hung on to fourth place by defeating CS&R, and the Mustangs took over fifth by beating Nurses II.

The Transportation squad, which has been moving slowly up in the standings since the beginning of the season, climbed up three more notches to slip into sixth place.

The power-laden CPO club boosted their team average to 739, 7 points higher than before, and continued to hold the leadership in pins, with 13,307 felled. L. E. Hooser added one point to his average, to make it a 164 and retain the league leadership.

An additional surprise came when the nurses broke out of their slump and whipped X-Ray I, to stop their 20-game losing streak.

Here are the complete Intrahospital League standings:

TEAM	Won	Lost	Pins
1. Lab I	22	2	12,712
2. CPO	18	6	13,307
3. Fin Civs	18	6	12,188
4. Dental	17	7	12,348
5. Mustangs	15	9	13,055
6. Transportation	15	9	11,800
7. CS&R	15	9	11,679
8. Alders	14	10	12,569
9. EST I	13	11	11,769
10. Cops	11	13	11,548
11. X-Ray II	11	13	11,509
12. Nurses II	10	10	9,778
13. X-Ray I	9	11	10,867
14. Lab II	6	18	10,894
15. Fin Pers	6	18	8,894
16. EST Students	5	19	11,526
17. N. P. Service	4	20	10,548
18. Nurses	3	21	9,966

## Season's Greetings

Want the folks at home to see where you are? Then send them one of the special Oak Knoll Christmas greeting cards now available in the Navy Exchange store.

## Women Cagers Defeat Air Force Hoopsters, 62-21, as Sather Stars

Oak Knoll's feminine hoopsters got off to a flying start in Bay Area Armed Forces Women's Basketball League competition Monday night when they won over Parks Air Force Base with a score of 62 to 21.

The Knoll cagers jumped into the lead early in the game when Marge Sather dumped in four baskets to make the score 8-4 in the first few minutes of play. As the Knollites stepped up their attack and scored 14 points to the opponent's six tallies, Coach Dolly Carston started to feed new players into the line-up, and when the whistle blew to end the half, the local cagers had a comfortable lead of 12 points, the score reading 22-10.

### MORE BUCKETS

The defense stiffened during a torrid third quarter that saw the Knoll girls put nine buckets through the hoop. The opponents were able to score only three points during this period.

The Oak Knoll squad continued their attack in the last quarter with Marge Sather adding three more baskets to her growing score. The locals tallied 22 points in the last quarter, while the opponents got only 8, and the final score read Oak Knoll 62, Parks Air Force Base 21.

### TOP SCORER

Team captain Marge Sather led the Knoll squad with 40 points, Joyce Brenner grabbed second honors with 18 points and Carol McClellan's four points accounted for the rest of the score.

Other players were ENS Dolly Carston, Helen Kuchera, Lois Duran, Barbara Kayser, Terry Verbish, Irene Polkenhorn, Joyce Gibbs, and Marty Marx.

The Oak Knoll women will meet NAS, Alameda, next Wednesday, 9 December, at the Mills College Gym. The game begins at 1900; admission is free, and patients and staff are invited to come and root for the team.



CAPT R. S. Silvis is pictured presenting the individual championship award to V. H. Lee, AD2, of Moffett Field, for winning the 12ND High Over-All Event of the 12ND Annual Invitational Skeet Match held at NAS, Alameda, on 23 and 24 November. Lee's score was 100 out of 100, and Captain Silvis was senior officer at the match.

Oak Knoll entered the meet and placed fifth out of 20 teams entered. Team members and scores were CAPT R. S. Silvis, 94; CWO R. H. Giles, 87; HN R. E. Ward, 83; HMC H. G. Engen, 80; and HN M. E. Gillies, 78. The complete team score was 420 out of 500.

## Knoll Plays Last Scheduled Football Game; Defeats Moffett Field, 35-33

The Oak Knoll football team slipped by Moffett Field Wednesday, 25 November in the last minutes of play and won 35-33 on the opponent's field. This was the last scheduled league game for the Hilltoppers, thus finishing the regular season with a 6-5 record.

Operating without the services of Bill Fry, the captain of the team (now discharged from the Navy) the Oak Knoll football club was unable to get its attack started against the Moffett five in the first half.

Moffett rushed the Hilltoppers defense and offense to build up a lead of 20 points in the first two periods, and it looked like a certain defeat for the locals.

### TEAM CLICKS

In the second half the locals started to click. Jack Young broke loose for 15

yards and a touchdown. Trapped behind the line, he ran the extra point. Quarterback Jack McGill continued the attack in the air when he flipped a pass 25 yards to Jack Young, who took the hide to paydirt. Again Young was caught behind the line and ran the point-after-touchdown.

The Moffett five took over the ball on downs and went to the air. The locals' defense unit starred when Dick Baer intercepted an aerial and raced 20 yards for the Hilltopper's third touchdown of the period. Quarterback Young ran the conversion. As the period ended, Oak Knoll was ahead 21-20.

At the start of the fourth quarter, the opponents scored a TD and jumped into the lead 27-21. The big guns of the Hilltoppers continued to roll on. The attack was on the ground, quarterback Jack McGill broke loose from a single-wing and ran 35 yards for an Oak Knoll TD. Young, once again ran his third consecutive extra point of the game. This tally put the Oak Knoll squad out in front by a score of 28-27.

Moffett Field bounced back to score another TD but missed the extra point and once again the Knollites were behind 33-28.

### FINAL TALLY

The clock was slowly running out. With Jack McGill at the helm, the Hilltoppers worked their way into Moffett Field territory. Three plays later, Young, who played an excellent game, shook McGill loose with a key block. He went all the way for the game, clinching a TD. The conversion was run by Young. The gun sounded to end the game and the season for Oak Knoll football.

## Aahmes Concert Band To Play Here Thursday

All hands are invited to hear the Aahmes Shrine Band play in the Auditorium Thursday, 10 December. The curtain will go up at 1930.

## Hospital Keglers Victors Over VR-2

The Oak Knoll bowling team bounced back Monday evening and defeated VR-2 on the locals' hard lanes by winning two out of three games. Oak Knoll keggers felled 2502 pins to 2545 that were felled by the VR-2 five. Yet, the locals won the series. This brings the Knollites won, lost record in the league to 12-9.

In the first heat, the locals won the game by three pins, 820-817, with Vic Irving bowling a high score of 201. VR-2 came roaring back to capture the second heat, 812-728. The Knollites took the third heat with a rousing 946, the fourth highest series recorded in the league. HM2 Vic Irving led the attack with a 215 score. That is the highest score to be turned in by a Knoll kegler this season. A 199, posted by HM3 L. E. Hooser, was the second highest of the evening. Twenty-three strikes were thrown in this heat.

HM2 Vic Irving again took the highest series of the evening with a 578, HM3 L. E. Hooser was second with a 523.

Other bowlers on the squad were team captain Chaplain L. C. Vosseler, LT P. M. Griffith, and a newcomer to the club, LCDR F. H. Holmes.

The Oak Knoll five will travel to NAS, Alameda, for their next game Monday evening.

## Winds Versus Anchors

A young naval student was being put through the paces by an old sea captain. "What would you do if a sudden storm sprang up on the starboard?"

"Throw out an anchor, sir."

"What would you do if another storm sprang up port?"

"Throw out another anchor, sir."

"What would you do if another storm sprang up aft?"

"Throw up another anchor, sir."

"Hold on," said the captain, "where are you getting all your anchors from?"

"From the same place you're getting your storms, sir."

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CDR W. Leona Jackson

## LCDR Jackson Adds New Stripe

Three half-inch stripes designating her promotion, looked mighty good to W. Leona Jackson, NC, USN, when she stepped up from LCDR to CDR recently.

Commissioned Ensign 17 years ago, on 6 July 1936, at USNH, Philadelphia, Penn., Miss Jackson has since been on two tours of duty on Guam and spent a total of six years in the Washington D. C. area and Brooklyn. She was a POW in World War II. She earned her RN from the Miami Valley Hospital School of Nursing, Dayton, Ohio, and her B.S. and M.A. from Columbia University.

Here at Oak Knoll since 25 July 1952, CDR Jackson had served as Assistant Chief of Nursing Service and Director of the Nurses' Educational Program before receiving orders to a new post as Chief Nurse at USNH, Portsmouth, Va.

## Variety Shows, Party Scheduled This Week

A group representing Hayward and San Leandro will present a Variety Show at 1400, Monday with a variety of acts including everything from singers to tap dancers.

Tuesday evening at 1800, Saint Andrews Catholic High School students will raise the curtain on another Variety Show.

On Wednesday, a choral group from Treasure Island will put everyone in a holiday mood with their Christmas carol program. Scheduled for the same night, patients and staff are invited to the Blue Triangle Club for the "Hanging the Green Party." To fill out the evening of entertainment, there will be refreshments and 150 hostesses. For this party sign up at Special Services before Monday, 14 December, so that a seat can be reserved for you. The bus will leave at 1930.

## Electronic Device For Anesthesia

A "gadget" that looks like a machine gun and enables the anesthetist to watch the patient's heart action while the doctor operates is the anesthesia department's latest acquisition.

The machine, known as a cardioscope, will be invaluable in heart surgery and an asset in all types of operations, according to CAPT R. S. Silvis, Chief of the Surgical Service.

CDR Scott Whitehouse, Head of the Anesthesia Department, is responsible for use of the new instrument.

The cardioscope is an electronic device to be "hooked up" to the patient in the same manner as is the electrocardiograph, which records heart action on paper. Each produces a cardiogram that shows whether the heart-beat is strong, weak, steady or irregular. In the cardioscope a beam of light moves across the face of the instrument, making a continuous electrocardiogram which tells the anesthetist what the patient's heart is doing throughout the time he is in surgery. Any irregularity in the movement of the light beam warns the anesthetist of danger, and in cases of cardiac arrest, where immediate heart massage may mean the difference between life and death, the cardioscope would instantly give the signal.

The machine, a product of the Cambridge Instrument Co., is the only one of its kind in the Eastbay area. Others are in use at U. C., Stanford, and Letterman Army Hospitals.

## CAPT R. L. Gilman Receives Appointment

Captain Robert L. Gilman, Chief of the Dermatology Service, this week received notice that he has been named a director of the American Academy of Dermatology and Syphilology. His appointment was announced following a recent meeting of the organization at Palmer House, Chicago.

Captain Gilman is the first military member to serve as a director of the academy, whose aim is to promote continuous study and advancement in dermatology and syphilology. Some 1200 doctors from all parts of the country are members of the group.

## Examination For Rate

Examination for advancement to the rate of HN will be given from 0900 to 1200 in the Educational Building on Wednesday, 16 December. Those who are taking the test must submit their applications with "Progress Card."



CDR Scott Whitehouse, Head of the Anesthesia Department, discusses the merits of the cardioscope with CAPT L. E. Potter, Head of the Plastic Surgical Department. This new device, the only one of its kind in the Eastbay Area, enables the anesthetist to watch the patient's heart action during surgery.



Richard A. Springer (right), VA Contact Representative at Oak Knoll for the past six and a half years, received a new honor Tuesday when Lou G. Bresse, Service Officer for the Disabled American Veterans, Department of California, came to the hospital to present him a national citation "for outstanding service rendered to disabled American veterans." The presentation, on behalf of DAV Chapter 8, Alameda, was made in Captain Bradley's Office. The citation, signed by Vivian Corbley, National Adjutant, and Floyd L. Ming, National Commander, was the second award Mr. Springer has received this year. Last June he was similarly honored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

One of earth's gladdest days, Christmas, will soon be upon us. May its true purpose and message elude us not as we busy ourselves in the hustle and bustle of activities that surround it.

As we see and walk amidst the shimmering lights and glittering tinsel, let us remember that they are but reflections of the Light, the light of God's Truth which shone so brightly in that Manger in Bethlehem. The birth of the Christ child marked the beginning of the Christian Era and with that child has come the multitude of blessings we now share. A new age was born as history stands marked and divided from the time of His birth, divided from B.C. into the years of our Lord.

Since the birth of the Christ the years have never been the same. As the beloved writer of the Gospel according to Saint John wrote: "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." If somehow we could now receive Him and the blessed truth He taught, and would permit God's Love to permeate our souls and shine through us into those around and about us, we would be participants in God's plan.

The Christ child is the heart of Christmas. There would have been no Christmas without Jesus. To expect that the Spirit of Christmas can live without the Christ is like expecting a person to live without a heart.

May God give you the grace that will allow you to receive into the manger of your heart the true meaning of Christmas.

—L. C. M. VOSSELER, Protestant Chaplain

## — Welcome and Farewell —

Reporting in were: LT Allan D. Rosenblatt, MC, USNR, from U. S. Army; LT Catherine N. Harkins, NC, USN, from NAAS, Whiting Field, Milton, Florida; O. Lomax, HMC, from USS OZBOURN; J. D. Teal, SHC, from USS IOWA; HN's J. F. Dailey, (W), from USNH, T. I.; and M. L. Murphy, from HCS, Great Lakes, Illinois; HN's J. D. Austin, J. O. Bieberich, R. A. Hendrickson, W. L. Morgan, J. H. Plott, H. M. Tritschler, W. J. Cabe, and HA's R. M. Armstrong, M. G. Barber, D. J. Bren-

nan, F. Fernandez, J. F. Harbison, Jr., and W. A. Kleinsteinbier, from HCS, San Diego, Calif.

Detached were: CDR Wilma L. Jackson, NC, USN, to USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; LT Benjamin F. Burns, MC, USN, to USNH, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; and L. "J." Woolstenhulme, HM1, to USS CON-STANT.

Those discharged were: S. A. Neathery, (W), C. E. Sell, and R. M. Beeso.



**WHOSE WILL IT BE?** This de luxe combination Emerson TV set, radio and record player will go to some lucky Knollite who makes a donation to the United Fund Drive. The set will be given away the day before Christmas at a special drawing to be conducted by the enlisted staff of the hospital. Make your donation now, and get a free ticket that might bring you \$600 worth of pleasure.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Friday evening in the lounge the patients were treated to a most unusual program sponsored by the International Council of Berkeley. Dressed in costumes of their respective countries, foreign students from the University of California presented native songs and unusual ceremonies from their lands. They finished the program with the singing of Christmas songs to top off an evening of "sugar coated" geography.

### "FLICKERS"

Only one movie for the cinema fans this week, but it is a good one—"Little Boy Lost" with Bing Crosby and Claude Dauphin, will be shown through next Tuesday, 15 December. From 12 December through 22 December there will be "The Caddy" with Martin & Lewis and Donna Reed, and "Mister Scoutmaster" with Clifton Webb and Edmund Gwenn.

### RAMBLING ON

There was a very special birthday party on ward 61A last Saturday. CLEON EMERY celebrated his 80th birthday with a cake and all the trimmings. The other patients and ward staff all joined in a rousing "Happy Birthday" to one of our most popular senior citizens. Sports lovers have the last opportunity to see the San Francisco home team in action tomorrow when the 49'ers face the Baltimore Colts at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco. Forty-eight patients are again on the Red Cross ticket list for this final event of an exciting season. (Unless Detroit gets beaten tomorrow, in which case there would be a playoff between Detroit and the 49ers.) Two Christmas parties were on the docket this week. A dinner was given at the Olympic Club in San Francisco on December 9 where the food, entertainment, and girls were all rated "tops." On Saturday, the Telephone Girls of San Francisco who have been giving two Saturday afternoons a month at the Red Cross Lounge are having a party of their own with fifty patients on the guest list. There are some new residents in the Red Cross Lounge. Believe it or not, they are neon-lighted fish that really glow in the dark. For those of you who take your fish seriously, they are called NEON TETRA. Drop in and take a look.



The hospital chapel was the scene of another wedding, Friday, 4 December, when Eva F. Sutherland, HN, of Ward 40A, became the bride of William J. Morrow, Jr., HN, of the Commissary. LCDR L. C. M. Vosseler, protestant chaplain, read the double-ring ceremony.

The bride wore a gray suit with black accessories, and a white orchid corsage and carried a white Bible. She was attended by Alice Girard, HA. The best man was Robert Potter, HN, also of the Commissary. Another staff member, Pauline Krampitz, HM3, sang "Oh, Promise Me" and "Because" as a prelude to the ceremony.



John M. Radosevich, HN, night corpsman on Ward 55, and UC coed, Shirlee I. MacMillen, were married by Father K. Lynch, at Newman Hall Chapel, Berkeley, last Saturday. The bride, given away by her father, Augustus J. MacMillen, was dressed in a white lace, ballerina-length gown over white satin and carried a bouquet of white stephanotis and white orchids.

After John is discharged next week, he plans to continue his education as a pre-law student at UC.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030  
Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES  
0600-0800-0900-1200  
DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630  
Confessions before Mass  
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel  
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

### CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN CHAPEL AND 67A

### NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—IN CHAPEL

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# Scuttlebutt

**SIGNS OF THE SEASON:** Blackbirds having breakfast on the lawn in the foreground Circle . . . a Maintenance crew patching the roof on the Community Service Building and adding gutters to drain off the winter rains . . . Officers' wives wrapping packages like mad for patients and men of the staff.

**HERE AND THERE:** Sadlers' Wells Ballet at the San Francisco Opera House last week drew a number of Knollites, among them CDR Helen Gavin, LT's Ann Kubicz, Edna Daugherty, Lois Adrian, Roberta Perron, and Dorothee Prentiss of the nursing staff, Martha Meyers, formerly of same, and Dorothy Johnson of Red Cross . . . Gary C. Braegger, HN, of Staff Personnel, is a resident of San Jose since his 5 December wedding in Reno. His bride, Jo Ann Boatwright, is a San Jose beauty shop receptionist . . . The story goes that Jean Reeside, Marge Sather, Marty Marks, and Kay Davis consumed two dozen eggs on a recent trip to Camp Stoneman. Reasons for this rather remarkable procedure are not known to the OAK LEAF . . . CAPTs Bradley, Gross, Shaw, Silvis, Potter, and Riggs, and CDR Harris took their wives to dinner at San Quentin Tuesday. They were guests of Admiral Willcuts, who managed to get them safely through the gate at the end of a pleasant evening . . . William A. Rogers, AN, and Willie Rafe, SKSN, of 70A were among the lucky fellows who went backstage to see Eartha Kitt during the matinee of "New Faces" at the Curran last Wednesday . . . Congratulations to LT Myron H. Green of the Amputee Service and LTJG Marvin M. Becker of the Medical Service. Dr. Green is an LCDR now; Dr. Becker is a LT . . . Congratulations also to Fred Guith, HN, of Central Supply. On 6 December he became the father of Fredrick Guith II, first child for him and Rachel Lou. Fred weighed 8 lbs. 7 1/4 oz. on arrival.

**WHAT NEXT DEPARTMENT:** Bob Potter is the proud owner of a pair of chlorophyll socks! Could it have been hunger that drove Pat Stanghelle to cracking walnuts at WAVE Quarters in the wee small hours of Sunday morning?

**OAKNOLLUMNI:** LT's Minwegen, Griffiths, and Barnes, former Maintenance officers, have been selected for promotion to LCDR.



Bon voyages were said to CDR Wilma L. Jackson, Assistant Chief of Nursing Service and Director of the Nurses Educational Program, when officers of the Nurse Corps honored her at a party at the Nurses Quarters on Wednesday, 2 December. Miss Jackson, who can be identified by her corsage of white baby orchids, left Oak Knoll last Saturday, 5 December, for USNH, Portsmouth, Virginia. Among those present were, seated from left to right: LT Phyllis R. Taylor, LT Marie M. Cheek, CDR Helen C. Gavin, CDR Jackson, LT M. J. Meyers, and LT Alice A. Van Gundy. Standing, are: LTJG Charlotte J. Miller, LTJG Pauline F. Prest, LT Edna A. Reeves, LTJG Vada M. Newell, LT Ruth L. Warkow, LTJG Joan R. Elwood, LT Catherine M. Reuland, LTJG Margaret M. Skrinak, LTJG Mary A. Giardina, LT Marie A. Croteau, LTJG Adele A. Bankson, ENS Eileen T. Meade, LT Olive McClatchey, LTJG Claire R. Miller, LT Dorothea Wheeler, LT Dorothy R. Shaffer, LT Betty J. Coady, LT Ella M. Walker, LT Olive C. Ogden, and LT Ann R. Kubicz.



Five X-Ray technicians completed their studies here last week and received their diplomas from CDR Leonard H. Barber, MC, USN, of the Radiology Service, Tuesday morning. From left to right are HMC H. J. Engen, instructor; Don Herndon, HN; Claude A. Haynes, HM3, honorman of the class with an average of 96.6; Allen Scott, HM1; John Coleman, HM3; Stanley R. Hardy, HM2; and instructor Albert O. Pacosky, HM2. Haynes and Scott have been ordered to San Diego; Herndon to Camp Pendleton; Coleman to the Radiological Safety School, San Francisco, and Hardy will remain at Oak Knoll.

## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 13 December

**THE MAZE**—Richard Carson and Veronica Hurst, MYSTERY. Rating: Very good. This is a 3-D made into a "flat" so that all movie fans could view it. Richard Carson is teamed with one of the best British actresses in the business. An 81-minute spook thriller, takes you through a haunted castle. The time is now! The scene is a Scottish castle to which Mr. Carson is summoned on the eve of his wedding.

Monday, 14 December

**STRICTLY DISHONORABLE**—Ezio Pinza and Janet Leigh, DRAMA. Rating: Good. In this first-nighter for Knollites, Ezio Pinza will woo Miss Leigh with his songs. Many old and new ones are featured in this flicker.

Tuesday, 15 December

**ORDER RIVER**—Joel McCrea and Yvonne DeCarlo, WESTERN. Rating: Very Good. This is really a super-Western and a "first-glance" flicker for movie fans. The picture is so new that there is no information listed in the files.

Wednesday, 16 December

**THE GIRL WHO HAD EVERYTHING**—Elizabeth Taylor, William Powell, and Fernando Lamas, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. Beautiful Miss Taylor, and two other leading Hollywood characters team up to make this a grand slam movie. Miss Taylor falls in love with a handsome but brutal head of a crime syndicate. So check

your guns and come see how justice wins out.

The second movie tonight will be cancelled. A choral group from TI will present a program of holiday music at 1930.

Thursday, 17 December

**JACK SLADE**—Mark Stevens and Dorothy Malone, MYSTERY. Rating: Excellent. This is really a western flicker, dressed up in mystery clothing. Jack Slade killed his first man at the age of 13 and knocked off 22 before something happened. But telling this would tell the whole story.

Friday, 18 December

**FOREVER FEMALE**—Ginger Rogers, Paul Douglas, and William Holden, COMEDY DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. This production hasn't been released to the public, as yet. Miss Rogers plays the part of an aging star, unwilling to admit her advancing years. To top off the situation, she has a love affair with young Mr. Holden. Miss Rogers is still the gay, beautiful, witty and lovable star and this is a very heart-warming story.

Saturday, 19 December

**BEHAVE YOURSELF**—Shelley Winters and Farley Granger, COMEDY. Rating: Very good. With Shelley Winters and Mr. Granger playing the leads, this should prove to be a very entertaining picture. It's the story of a man who can't control a woman. A barrel full of laughs are on the agenda for all who attend.



Two more corpsmen and a corpswave have received commendations from Captain Bradley for their loyalty and devotion to duty. HMC August J. Bucki's citation was for work at the U. S. Naval Medical School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., where he distinguished himself by developing a new staining technique in the identification of parasites and publishing the results of his work. Thomas John Williams, HN, while assigned to the Pathology Service performed various laboratory examinations in a highly efficient and exemplary manner, contributing to the successful medical care of several critically ill patients. Gloria A. Schafer, HN, was cited for her service on Ward 40A and in the treatment room, where she demonstrated an outstanding sense of judgment and devotion to duty.



# Knollites Replay NAS; Win 63-26

The Oak Knoll football team replayed its first game of the season, which on 16 September was won, lost, protested, rescheduled, postponed, and rescheduled. This time there was no doubt about who won, as the Hilltoppers led by a whopping score of 63-26 over NAS, Alameda, on Wednesday, 2 December. This brought their won lost record to 6-5 and closed the gates on the football season.

Minutes after the first period started, the big guns of the Hilltoppers began to boom. Art Duso scored from the 35-yard line on a reverse play. The conversion was knocked down. The NAS five bounced back to tie the score on a pass play, missing the conversion. Jack Young, at the helm of the Hilltoppers, scored five plays later. Duso scored the extra point on a hand-off from Young. Again, NAS drove back and added another TD, and booted the extra point. When the period ended, the game was tied up at 13-13.

Working from a spread formation with Jack McGill at quarterback, the game moved into the second quarter. McGill broke through the left side of the line to paydirt and the locals were out in front. The opponents were stopped at the 40-yard stripe, and the Knollites took possession of the hide. Quarterback Young flipped an aerial to Dick Baer for another Oak Knoll tally. The extra point was made by Jack McGill.

## SEESAW BATTLE

The Oak Knoll five kicked to NAS, and seven plays later scored on a pass. The conversion was good and Alameda forged ahead 26-19.

With a series of running and passing plays, the Hilltoppers worked their way into NAS territory. Five yards out from the opponent's goal, Jack Young raced with the leather, around end to paydirt. Young took the pigskin over for the extra point, making the score in the Knollites' favor, 32-19.

In the second half the locals kicked off to NAS. They came roaring back to catch the Knollites unaware and scored another TD, their last of the game. The opponents moved up one more TD and the score read 32-26, in favor of the Hilltoppers.

## STRIKES BACK

Oak Knoll's football squad was just beginning to roll. Fred Guith took the kick-off and ran down the side lines for 75 yards and a TD. Stopping the NAS team on the 40-yard line, Young took over and in a series of passes, hit Guith again for another tally. The locals drove ahead 44-26.

The football game was far from over as it moved into the final period. Oak Knoll kept moving when the defense stopped Alameda cold, with Gerald Seeley intercepting a pass and racing back to the opponent's one-foot line. Jack McGill then took the hide over for the tally. Oak Knoll led, 50-26.

Alameda's attack was grounded as the Knollites took over on the 30-yard line. With Willy Snook doing the quarterback honors, he hit Digger Solomon for six points. Snook



The Oak Knoll keggers with a 12-12 record are pictured here (left to right) HM3 L. E. Hooser, HM2 Vic Irving, HMC H. E. Engen, team captain Chaplain L. C. Vosseler, (bottom row) LT P. M. Griffith, and LCDR F. H. Holmes. With this writing the Knoll club is in seventh place in the 12ND League.

# NAS Sweeps Series From Oak Knoll

The Oak Knoll bowling team traveled to NAS, Alameda, Monday, 7 December, and dropped their second complete series of the kegling season. By losing three games, their won, lost record now stands at 12-12.

The Knollites were unable to come even close to winning a heat. The powerful NAS squad won the first series with an 871, the second, 930, and in the third heat the opponents registered an 847, while the Oak Knoll club scores were 772, 875, and 783. L. Dilthey rolled the highest series

yet to be thrown in the league—a 643. HM2 Vic Irving with a 528 heat and team captain Chaplain L. C. Vosseler, with a 500 series led the local's attack to no avail. The highest game of the evening was scored by HM2, Vic Irving, which was a 191. The rest of the team wilted under pressure.

Other keggers on the local's squad were LT P. M. Griffith, HMC H. E. Engen, and HM3 L. E. Hooser.

The Oak Knoll team will be host to Western Sea Frontier on the local's hard lanes Monday evening.

# Hospital Basketball Quintet Loses to NSC in First Encounter of Season

The hospital basketball team, breaking even in their season's first two games on the hardwoods, was defeated in the last outing against NSC, Oakland, Tuesday, 8 December, by a score of 44-38.

The locals lost their first contest of the young season to Oakland Army Base, 73-40. In their second encounter on the floors, the Knollites soundly trounced Harbor Defense Unit, 95-56.

In Tuesday's game against NSC, the opponents jumped into a 10-9 lead. Williams, leading the attack, brought the Knollites back into striking distance, and with the fine dribbling of the Knoll five, they were able to keep pace with NSC.

In the second period, the Oak Knoll team continued their fine playing and when the whistle blew found themselves one bucket ahead, 26-24.

## ATTACK CONTINUES

As the game swung into the second half, the Knoll crew stepped up its attack to tally 11 points to NSC's eight. With this move, the locals were one point behind their opponents, 35-34.

then flipped to Moreno for the point-after-touchdown.

## ALL OVER

In the last few minutes of play, NAS took to the air, but Jack McGill intercepted their pass and ran for the final touchdown of the season. When the clock ran out, the score read, Oak Knoll 63, Alameda—26.

# CPO Club Upsets; CS&R Five Wins

Nurses II swept their three games from the second place CPO club this week in the Intrahospital Bowling League and dropped them to fourth place. With the strong CPO team losing and CS&R beating Fin Civs, the victory moved the CS&R keggers into second place. Lab I continued where they left off last week by shutting out Nurses I in three heats.

Transportation moved up to third with their win, while Dental lost and fell to seventh. Transportation is the only team that has been going ahead without suffering a step backwards since the beginning of the kegling season. The Mustangs staved off a late rally and hung on to the number five spot by winning over Fin Pers.

A top team, the Alders, two weeks ago continued their tailspin and slipped to twelfth place when they lost all their games against X-Ray II.

The CPO five held onto their leadership on pins felled in the league with 15,380.

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
1. Lab I	26	2	14,920
2. CS&R	19	9	13,782
3. Transportation	19	9	13,726
4. CPO	18	10	15,380
5. Mustangs	18	10	15,270
6. Fin Civs	18	10	14,117
7. Dental	17	11	14,267
8. EST I	17	11	13,742
9. Nurses II	16	12	13,875
10. X-Ray I	15	13	15,241
11. X-Ray II	15	13	13,687
12. ALD	14	14	14,637
13. Cops	11	17	13,433
14. EST Students	9	19	13,589
15. Fin Pers	7	21	10,505
16. Lab II	6	22	12,729
17. N.P. Service	4	24	12,217
18. Nurses I	3	25	11,534

# Golfers Wanted

The call is still out for hospital golfers who want to be on the Knoll squad next season. All hands are invited to work out in the winter tournament beginning the second week in January. Those interested please contact Chief Leslie Johnson at Special Services.

Until the closing stages of the contest there were never more than two points separating the two teams.

## HEAT'S ON

In the closing minutes of the last period the heat was on. The fast break employed by the Knoll quintet ceased to function smoothly. The NSC five scored nine points and put the game on ice while Oak Knoll put in only two buckets. When the clock ran out the score was NSC 44, Oak Knoll 38.

## Summary:

NSC, Oakland				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Thompson	1	1	0	2
Shipp	0	0	1	0
Vanul	0	1	1	1
Donder	1	2	4	4
Tuchen	1	1	0	3
Adcock	1	0	1	2
Hoagland	2	6	5	10
Hampton	0	0	1	0
McCaulley	5	7	4	17
Collun	2	0	1	4
Totals	13	18	18	44
Oak Knoll				
Hughes	1	2	3	4
Whigham	1	3	4	5
Williams	6	1	2	13
Cooper	1	1	5	3
Gamble	2	0	5	4
Goering	0	0	1	0
Maxey	0	0	1	0
Graves	1	4	1	5
Baker	1	1	2	3
Totals	13	12	27	38

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**A Well-Satisfied Customer** is Mrs. Anna Ausiello, who posed for this picture with her baby daughter, Virginia, shortly before the two left for their home in Belmont last week end. The husky little girl, born shortly after midnight on 10 December, is the sixth child born to Mrs. Ausiello at Oak Knoll. The others are Ann, 7; Frank, 6; Mike, almost 5; Bob, 2; and, Ken 1. The two oldest children in the family, Gerry, 10, and Eddie, 8, were born at Chelsea Naval Hospital. The children's father, Frank, is a Chief Yeoman on duty at the Navy Training Center in San Jose.

## Vaudeville Show for 40 Patients.

Forty patients are invited by theameda City Employees to attend their annual Teamsters' Christmas Vaudeville Show, Saturday, 26 December, at the Oakland Civic Auditorium. Special box seats have been reserved and the bus will leave at 10.

On Tuesday, 29 December, the Mes DeMille Dance Theater has extended an invitation to twenty patients to view a show at the Oakland High School Auditorium beginning at 2030. Transportation will be provided by the Community Service Building at 1900.

Those who wish to view these coming events, please sign up at Special Services.

## OAK LEAF to Take Christmas Holiday

THE OAK LEAF, which has come out every Saturday of the year, will have a holiday this coming week. A combination Christmas and New Year's edition loaded with pictures of the holiday events will appear the day after New Year's.

## Christmas Spirit Visits Oak Knoll

Droves of decorators will move in on Oak Knoll tomorrow, with Christmas trees, wreaths, and all the trimmings necessary to transform these bare wards and buildings into an ideal place for Santa to land, come 25 December. The workers will be members of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee, headed by Oak Knoll coordinator Thomas V. Adams. With them will be groups who have volunteered to help them accomplish their mission—that of giving patients here and at other military hospitals in the area a Merry Christmas.

The group, supported by financial contributions solicited from generous Bay Area individuals and organizations through the columns of the Oakland Tribune, will bring seven units of top-notch professional entertainment to the wards Wednesday evening. On Christmas day they will arrange to have Santa visit each patient aboard and present him a carefully selected gift, plus a portrait of himself in a folder suitable for mailing home. Carolers will visit the wards early in the morning, and more professional talent will be aboard to entertain on the wards during the afternoon.

### EXAMINER SHOW MONDAY NIGHT

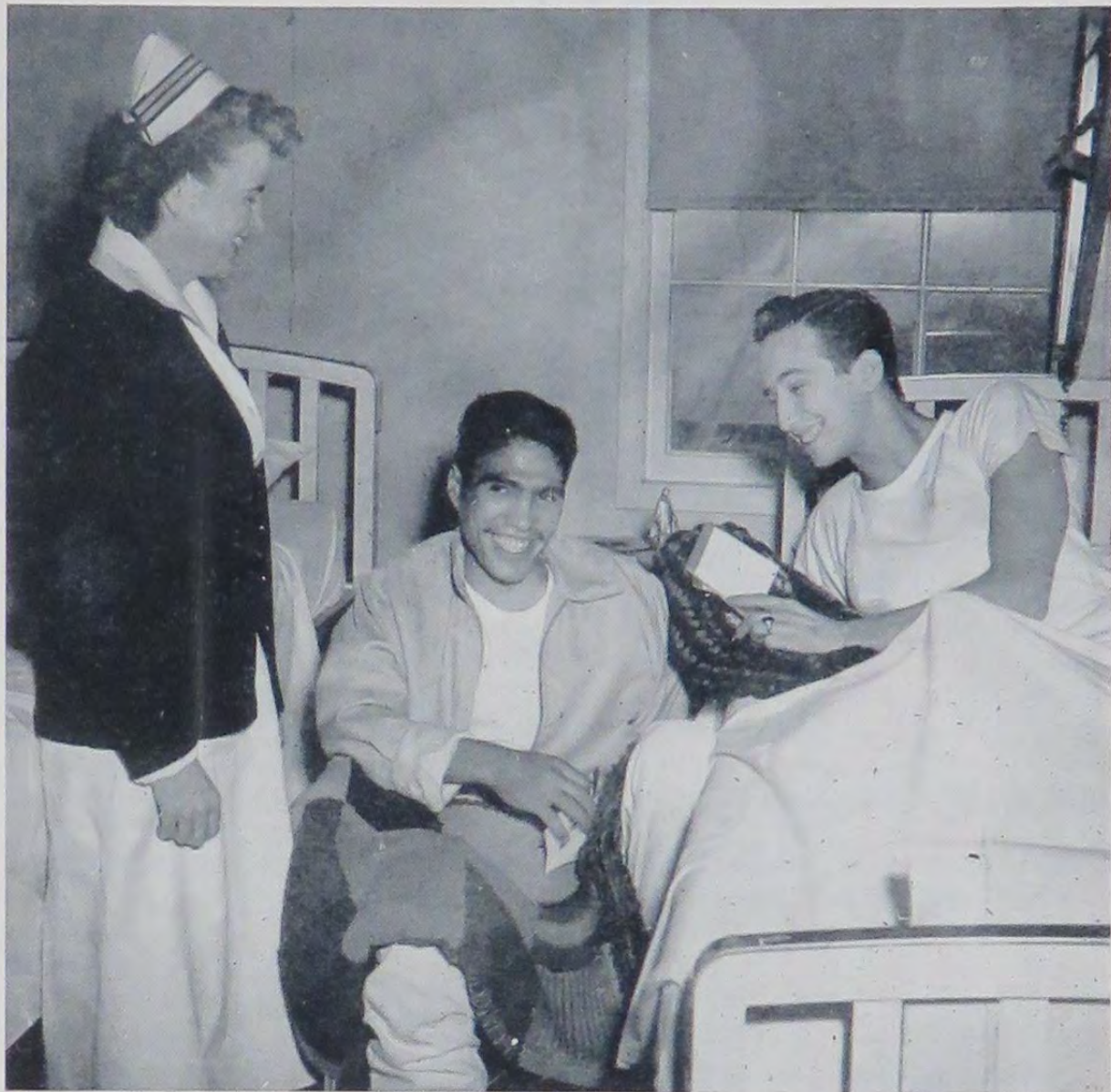
Another major event of the Christmas season is the stage and ward show, brought to the hospital each year by the San Francisco Examiner. Seven entertainment units, including Eartha Kitt and other stars from the hit show, "New Faces," will visit the wards Monday afternoon, and the big show is scheduled for 1845 in the auditorium.

Also on Monday, at 1400, children of staff members will be treated to a party, with "Jolly Jack" the clown, and Santa sharing the limelight. Gifts for children one month to 10 years will be distributed.

### OTHER FESTIVITIES

Today 38 patients are being taken on a tour of Oakland residential districts and past brightly decorated firehouses, transportation being furnished by the Oakland Fire Department. A variety of activities will be on the calendar at the Red Cross Lounge between now and Christmas Day, and throughout the week, the Christmas spirit will hover over all Oak Knoll.

Before going to sleep on St. Nicholas Eve, Dutch children place their wooden shoes by the chimney place in the hope that the good Saint will fill them with gifts and goodies.



LT Elizabeth M. Duwe, NC, USN, Supervisor of the Orthopedic Ramp, looks on, while PFC Sotero Aviles-Rivera and CPL Edward Stiehl-Rios talk over plans for their flight to Puerto Rico. Incidentally, the two afghans you see in the picture are gifts from the women of Circle I, Women's Guild of the Piedmont Community Church.

## Streamlined Santa Claus Air Lift Flies Eight Patients Home For Leave

Eight Oak Knoll patients were aboard when the Santa Claus Air Lift took off from Travis Air Force Base Tuesday. The men, seven of them amputees and one blinded by multiple sclerosis, left Oak Knoll at 1400, Monday by bus and spent the night at Travis to be ready to take off Tuesday for the airports nearest their homes.

The special Christmas leave flights were set up by the Armed Forces Medical Regulating Office for patients who have lost the use of two or more limbs through amputation or paralysis or who have suffered loss of sight.

Two of the Oak Knoll amputees are flying all the way to Puerto Rico to be with their families. They are PFC Sotero Rivera-Aviles, USMC,

who lost his left arm and suffered severe nerve injury to his right leg when he was hit by an exploding light shell during maneuvers at Camp Pendleton, and PFC Edward Stiehl-Rios, USMC, who lost both legs when he was hit by an enemy mortar shell at Berlin Outpost just a few hours before the Korean truce was signed.

Others now on 30-day holiday leave are PFC Dale E. Foreman, USMC, Garden City, Kan.; PFC Joseph V. Gillette, USMC, Winstead, Conn.; SGT Alfred M. Kalinowski, USMC, Holland, N. Y.; SGT Allen L. Cross, USMC, Horsecreek, Wyo.; Edward J. Peterson, FN, USN, of Grand Forks, N. D.; and Robert L. Weinbrandt, Airman Second Class, USAF, El Cajon, Calif.

## TV Drawing Scheduled Wednesday

Enlisted men of the station are calling all hands to the auditorium Wednesday at 1200 for the drawing that will determine the winner of the deluxe Emerson TV set, radio, and record player that has graced the Navy Exchange lobby for the past two weeks.

This special event is being sponsored by the Enlisted men of the

station who have been lagging in the United Fund Drive, and they hope to bring their contribution to a worthwhile total and at the same time to see some one of their shipmates win this valuable prize.

Donations to the Fund Drive will be accepted right up until the time of the drawing. Every dollar donation is good for a ticket on the \$600 prize.



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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### "THE SONG OF THE ANGELS"

Christmas has returned with its message of joy and good will. It is always the season when kindness and good cheer produce a warmth of feeling in our hearts. Our minds are filled with thoughts of tender associations, blessed memories and wistful dreams for the tomorrows yet to come. A song of thanksgiving is born in our hearts for the love, the fellowship and the radiancy of this blessed season.

But it is also a time which draws from our hearts a surge of prayer for the lonely and the friendless of earth. We call down God's richest blessing upon all the little children who know not the joys of this season; upon those to whom this year has brought sadness; upon families that have been divided; upon those who are now in far distant places; upon all who find that life has given them a heavy burden; upon all whom life has become meaningless or futile.

All of this is born in our hearts because THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM shines again; because the angelic hosts again carol the message of joy and good will over the hills of Judea and the world. May it come to us again this year with a new gladness of joy and a new appreciation of good will to men and a new birth of faith in the old, old story of God's greatest gift to the world, our Lord Jesus Christ. — ANONYMOUS

May the wonder and blessings of Christmas come again to you and those you hold dear — and happiness follow throughout the New Year.

—WILLIAM F. HOLLIS, Protestant Chaplain

## Theme For Holidays -- Common Sense

You don't see many one-horse open sleighs nowadays, but Christmas still means happiness and good will, the spirit of loving and giving and the joys of visiting, merry-making and going home.

The difference today is that families and presents are piled into modern motor cars and whisked away much farther and faster than in the days of the old one-horse open sleigh.

Unfortunately, though, in spite of slick super-highways and automatic controls, we can't say that travel has become any safer. Ease of operation and the speed potential may trick us into forgetting that instead of just one horse we now have 100 "horses" under that shiny hood, all rarin' to go. And the result is that some of us wind up in the hospital—or worse!

So let Good Judgment and Common Sense take over at the steering wheel this holiday season. Let's all resolve to be courteous, alert drivers ever keeping a watchful eye out for weather, road, or traffic conditions that may lead to mishap.

IF YOU DRIVE TO LIVE, YOU'LL LIVE LONGER TO DRIVE!

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030  
Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday  
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES  
0600-0800-0900-1200  
DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630  
Confessions before Mass  
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel  
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN  
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IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON  
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## Landlubber's Sea Pay Discontinued

Enlisted men on temporary additional duty ashore for a period of more than 15 days will not receive special pay for sea duty after the first 15 days, the Navy has announced.

The regulation outlined in Alnav 52 dated 9 October, 1953, also applies to ship-based aviation units which are temporarily based ashore for more than 15 days. This change applies regardless of the fact that the man may still be attached to the vessel or unit.

If the period of absence from the vessel is 15 days or less, the man will continue to receive sea pay unless he is detached from the vessel. If he is detached from the vessel, or ship-based aviation unit during the 15-day period, his sea pay will be terminated as of the date of detachment.

The regulation is retroactive to 1 October, 1953. Any overpayment made from that date until the time the



The Glass Bottle Blower's Association, Locals 141 and 142, of the Owen's Illinois Glass Company presented an Admiral 16" television set to Oak Knoll last Saturday. Those on hand for the presentation were (left to right), Joseph P. Kelly and Eleanor Tietjen of Local 141, J. S. Freeman, DC2, patient on Ward 63A, where the set is to be installed, William E. Hooper, of Local 142, and LTJG R. G. DeWitt, Special Services Officer.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### SAINT NICK'S HELPERS

In keeping with the Christmas spirit many local community groups and individuals have spent long hours planning and carrying out seasonal treats for Oak Knoll patients. Starting with the youngest categories, the Junior Red Cross, Cub Scouts, Blue Birds, Camp Fire Girls, Brownies, and a host of others have spent long hours making homemade candies and cookies as well as clever Christmas decorations for bedside tables. Literally hundreds and hundreds of these thoughtful youngsters and their leaders help to brighten the holidays.

Red Cross Junior Hostesses climaxed their fall season with a beautiful Christmas dance and party at the Red Cross Lounge last Thursday night. Semi-formal wear and corsages keyed this festive occasion. Live music and a fine floor show of talented young Berkeleyites helped to make this dance a memorable one. Many excellent singing groups from Hayward, the Horizon Club, the Port O' Call songsters and others are adding beautiful music over the entire compound.

The roster of ward parties planned by wonderful community organizations, many of whom serve selflessly throughout the year, is far too long to list here. Needless to state, the various veterans' groups and their auxiliaries are represented in full with holiday snacks, presents, and their even more cheery presence. The Jewish Welfare Federation, Order of the Eastern Star, Eagles Auxiliaries, Rebekahs, Women of the Moose, Navy Mothers, and Fleet Reserve groups are just a few of the many others who serve.

Along with the full entertainment programs planned by Navy Special Services and the Veterans' Christmas Committee, our faithful Red Cross Gray Ladies are summoned to escort all activities going on the wards. On Christmas Eve they will help to conduct festivities on every ward and quiet room on the compound along with the Red Cross staff. Christmas Day they all rally around to help the caroling groups and Santa to their many destinations as well as the fine shows in the afternoon.

Alnav is received will be recovered from the enlisted man. (AFPS)

Truly, the Red Cross who will be sharing your Christmas with you, wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season!

### MOVIES

On the circuit this week are "The Caddy" with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis and "Mister Scoutmaster" with Clifton Webb and Edmund Gwenn, both highly-rated comedies. Christmas week two other good films are on the docket, "Roman Holiday" with Gregory Peck and newcomer Audrey Hepburn, and "Island in the Sky" with John Wayne and Lloyd Nolan.

## Servicemens' Sea Tales Worth \$'s

Reader's Digest invites any service man or woman who has gained a reputation for spilling out sea stories and humorous anecdotes of the brine, to be paid in cash for these jokes instead of only laughter.

Each one published will pay \$100, and will come under the head of "Humor in Uniform."

The stories must be true, not exceeding 300 words; the shorter, the better. If possible, they should be typewritten, and they cannot be returned or acknowledged. Any letter not accepted within 90 days may be considered as rejected.

Send your stories to "Humor in Uniform" Editor, The Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, New York.

## Christmas Menu

Those who share the hospital's bed and board on Christmas Day will have everything from rosebud radishes to candy, nuts, and after-dinner cigars and cigarettes, according to the latest word from the Food Service Division, where preparations are already under way for an extra-special feast.

In addition to the items mentioned above, the menu will include green and ripe olives, hearts of celery, lime molded salad, turkey, southern dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, whipped white potatoes, butter-fresh beans, carrots, hot poppy seed rolls, fruit cake, coffee, milk, and strawberry sundaes.





Hannah M. Workman

## Retired Nurse Still Helping Patients

Not only has Hannah M. Workman spent a great deal of her time knitting crutch and stump socks for Navy and Marine patients — she spent twenty-two years of her life taking care of them. That was from 1915, when she joined the Navy just seven years after the formation of the Navy Nurse Corps until her retirement in 1937.

Miss Workman knows what it's like to work for \$50 a month. "Nurses in the early days had no rank, but we did have officer privileges," Miss Workman reminisced on 66B this week, smiling over a photo taken several months ago when Miss Mary DuBose and Mrs. Adah Pendleton, members of the original "Sacred Twenty," were both under treatment here.

LTJG Workman, NC, USN, retired, now 74, lives in Berkeley.

During her active duty days, she served at Mare Island, had transport duty during World War I, traveled to Samoa, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Philippines, China, and Japan, and worked in the dispensaries at Great Lakes and Pearl Harbor. Also among her assignments was that of teaching nursing procedures to hospital corpsmen at Norfolk, Goat Island (Yerba Buena), and Mare Island.

Nowadays she makes a hobby of knitting and delivers regular consignments of the above-mentioned socks to patients on the amputee and orthopedic wards.

## Corpsmen's Corner

The abbreviations in this quiz will relate to various tests and examinations given at any hospital. (Match the right hand column with those on the left.)

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|------------|---|
| Hgb ( )    | (1) Volume packed cells                     |
| VP ( )     | (2) Red blood cells                         |
| SP ( )     | (3) Specific gravity                        |
| NPN ( )    | (4) Hemoglobin                              |
| PSP ( )    | (5) Sugar & acetone                         |
| Rbc ( )    | (6) Intravenous pyelogram                   |
| sp. gr ( ) | (7) Lumbar puncture                         |
| S & A ( )  | (8) Nonprotein nitrogen                     |
| WBC ( )    | (9) White blood cell and differential count |
| Diff ( )   | (10) Phenolsulphonphthalein test            |

## Welcome Farewell

The staff census leaned heavily toward the outgoing list this week as a total of 50 bid farewell and only seven reported for duty. Of those leaving, one was discharged, 22 were released to inactive duty, and 27 were detached to other stations.

Reporting in were: LT Robert B. White, MC, USNR, from FMFPAC, San Francisco; LT Edward N. Wiggins, MC, USNR, a U. S. Army interservice transfer; LT Mary E. Goodhue, NC, USN, from Infirmary, NAD, Hawthorne, Nevada; LTJG Mary K. Lesoganich, NC, USNR, from NAVSTA, Kodiak, Alaska; LTJG Dorothy A. Ristoff, NC, USNR, from USS HAVEN; R. D. Powell, HM3, and J. N. Sutton, HN, from Great Lakes, Illinois.

Detached were: CDR Roland A. Christensen, MC, USN, to USNH, Yokosuka, Japan; LT Benjamin F. Burns, MC, USN, to USNH, Camp Pendleton; LT Helen Ely, NC, USN, to USNH, Corpus Christi, Texas; LT Roberta E. Perron, NC, USN, to NSD, San Diego; H. B. Carter, HM1, to Commander Fleet Training Center, San Diego; L. E. Bussell, HM2, and M. C. Napoli, HM3, to AIRFMFPAC, El Toro; HM3 J. Coleman, and K. H. Roth, HN, to USN Radiological Safety Defense Laboratory, San Francisco; HM3's C. A. Haynes, to USNHC, San Diego; W. I. Chew, and A. J. McGovern, HN, to USN Dispensary, 50 Fell St., San Francisco; HN's L. G. Rowe, L. H. Witherington, D. L. Patterson, to USNSC, Pearl Harbor; J. O. Green, M. F. Parker, J. W. Coomee, V. F. Funk, A. E. Amos, to NAVSTA, T. I., San Francisco; R. M. Anderson, J. B. Harris, N. P. Gaines, to COMNAVFE, M. E. Lynch, to USS HAVEN, D. Herndon, to USNH, Camp Pendleton; and C. T. Sanders, DN, to USN Dental Technician's School, NTC, San Diego.

Released to inactive duty were: LT Richard P. Wheat, MC; LT Paul J. Sominski, DC; LT June L. West, NC; HMC's V. A. DeVoss, W. M. Hendry; HM3's J. D. Plauche, F. H. Duffie, Jr., W. R. Thompson, Jr., L. E. Todd, D. H. Ranta, N. A. Alander, J. M. McCassey, and P. L. Emery; HN's J. G. Skaff, A. L. Martinez, J. D. Poole, R. S. Scott, Jr.; V. L. Marino, W. A. Stuart, H. J. Walker, J. A. Wolfram, and J. L. Swarm, HA.

Discharged was: H. D. Snelbaker, HM3, (W).

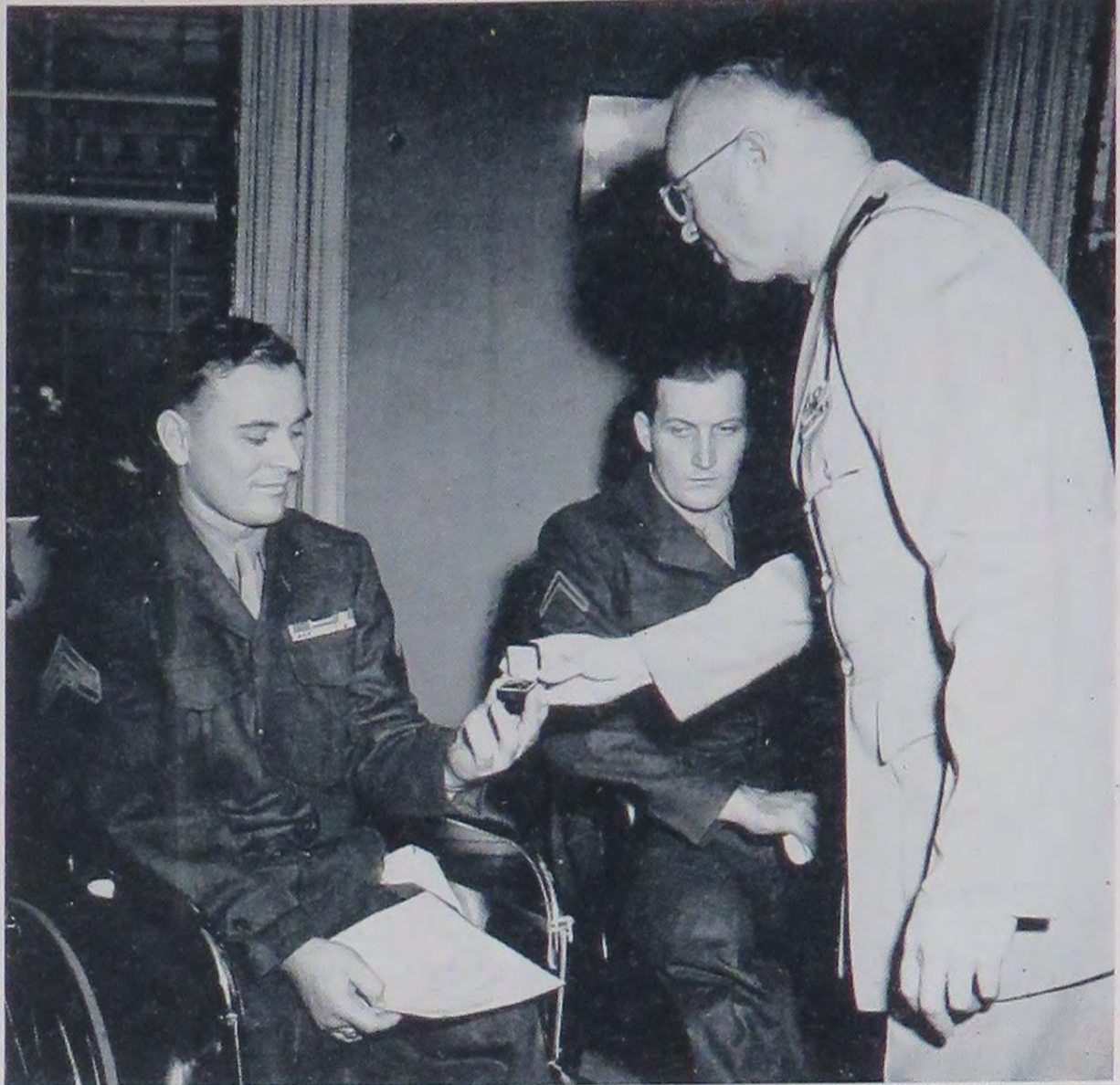
## Oak Knoll Proved Safest Navy Hospital

An accident summary based on figures published in the SAFETY REVIEW and assembled by the Maintenance office reveals that Oak Knoll is the safest place to work among all the Naval Hospitals.

The summary shows that during the first half of this year, there was less than one injury per million work hours. The BuMed average for this period was between four and five injuries per million work hours.

In the "most dangerous" hospital, whose name will not be mentioned

- ANSWERS
- Hgb (4), IVP (6), LP (7), NPN (8), PSP (10), Rbc (2), sp. gr (3), S & A (5), VPC (1), and wbc, & diff. (9).



SGT Alfred M. Kalinowski, USMC, accepts the gold star in lieu of a second purple heart, from CAPT Bradley in a ceremony held Thursday, 10 December. Seated beside him is Marine PFC Edward G. Smialkowski, another wearer of the purple heart.

## Navy Chief Receives Air Medal as Three Marines Get Purple Hearts, Gold Star

One Air Medal, a gold star in lieu of a Purple Heart, and two Purple Hearts were awarded by CAPT Bradley at ceremonies held in his office, Thursday, 10 December.

Harry K. Carlson, ATC, USN, received the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement in aerial flights as a member of a patrol plane crew in Patrol Squadron FORTY-SEVEN during operations against enemy forces from 1 December 1952 to 10 March 1953."

"Participating in twenty patrol and reconnaissance missions during this period in areas where enemy aircraft and anti-aircraft fire could be expected, he contributed materially to the success of his squadron," the citation read.

SGT Alfred M. Kalinowski, USMC, a squad leader in the 1st Marine Division, received the gold star for wounds he received when he stepped on a land mine near Panmunjom ten days before the truce.

The two Purple Hearts were awarded to Marine PFC's Eugene C. McMackin, who was wounded on 24 July and Edward G. Smialkowski, wound-

ed on 19 July. Both, members of the 1st Marine Division, were serving as fire team leaders, when they acquired the wounds from which they are now recuperating.



Dorothy Thompson, information specialist in Captain Bradley's office, this week received notice that she had been granted a superior accomplishment pay increase by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. The award of \$125 a year was based on Miss Thompson's superior handling of her numerous public information duties, including supervision of the OAK LEAF. Miss Thompson came to Oak Knoll in October 1944 as a Hospital Corps WAVE. A graduate of the USC School of Journalism, she was immediately assigned to the Public Information Office. Admiral Dearing, then the Commanding Officer, persuaded her to return as a civilian following her discharge from the USNR and she has served successfully with four other CO's.





Operation Art for the Armed Forces flew in from Hollywood this week, bringing eight nationally known artists to sketch patients at Mare Island and Oak Knoll. They spent all day Wednesday on the wards, visiting the patients and making sketches the men can send to their families for Christmas. Ladies in the party were Jeanie Wilson, left, organizer and sponsor of the group, who does pin-ups and portraits; Maxine MacCaffrey, top illustrator with the American Weekly and a model for cover artist John Whitcomb. The male artists, pictured here with LTJG R. G. DeWitt, Special Services Officer, are Joe Noonis (seated) who does caricatures for Walt Disney; Johnnie Johnson, nationally known calendar and newspaper artist and background artist for the MGM cartoon "Tom and Jerry"; Alberto Severans of Disney studios, who did small portraits in oils for all he visited; Paul Darrow, cartoonist and caricature artist; Bill Mahood, another Disney artist; and Roger Kuntz, who has won prizes in a number of national competitions. Approximately 300 artists are affiliated with Operation Art, representatives of which have traveled as far away as Korea on two occasions, visiting men in the front lines and casualties aboard the USS HAVEN. This was their third trip to Oak Knoll.

## Song, Dance Acts Presented by Club

As the San Leandro Teen Club presented various song and dance acts, they took Knollites to scenes throughout the world. "Rhythm Review" commenced with a dance to the popular "Ebb Tide."

From the seashore, the spectators were taken to the Black Hills of Arkansas, where they met a pair of Lovers pantomiming "Let's Walk That-A-Way." Then, in a dimly lighted tavern along the San Francisco water front, Tony and Darlene danced to a tragic ending as Tony was mercilessly killed by his jilted girl.

After a solo, "Via Con Dios," by demure Eleanor Gallett, the Valentino Tango was presented by Tony and Louise, another of his dancing partners. Following these acts was a solo, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas," and a Baseball Bop, in which the teamsters danced to home instead of taking the traditional slide-ins.

A Paris water-front dance duet by Louise and Tony was preceded by a pantomime, "I Want to Be Loved" and the show ended with Darlene singing "Santa Baby" in a shop on New York's Fifth Avenue.

## Concert Given by Temple Shriners

That splash of bright colors and sound of rousing music in the auditorium on 10 December was Aahmes Temple Shriner's Band. The group appeared here under the direction of Vern Bouknight, Social Studies teacher at the Castlemont High School, and one-time member of several other well-known bands.

The musicians started the evening with "Hail Miami," "The Mexican Overture," and "Waves of the Danube."

In the second group of selections they played "El Cabellero March," the popular "You, You, You," "Via Con Dios," and "Americans We," a Henry Tildmore March. They ended the program with "Old Comrades," "Southern Roses," and "Men of Ohio."

The members, consisting of many former service men, jammed the stage with 60 out of their 80 members present.

Besides being ardent lovers of music, the Shriners have contributed greatly to hospitals for crippled children. The Shrine hospitals take in any handicapped child up to 14 years of age, who can be helped by surgery or hospitalization and who do not have the means to pay for their own care.

## Christmas Facts

The Gaekwar of Baroda, an Indian potentate, is believed to have had the most expensive Christmas card ever made. It is said to have cost about \$1,000,000. The card was made of pure ivory. (AFPS)

At Oberndorf, Austria, a memorial chapel has been erected to commemorate the internationally famous Christmas carol "Silent Night, Holy Night." The carol was composed near the site of the chapel in 1818.



On duty at the Christmas wrapping booth at the bowling alley when these two eager patients picked up their packages were, left to right, Mrs. Stanley Willis, Mrs. B. E. Bradley, and Mrs. Cecil Riggs. They are three of the many officers' wives who have devoted hours of work to wrapping packages for patients and staff men. The booth will remain open through 23 December.

A horse trainer we knew once had a thoroughbred that was so slow he clocked him with a sun dial.

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## Pleased Father Writes From Korea

From CDR William Ayers, CO of the USS NOAH, now in Korean waters, comes this note, which the Exec shares with all personnel concerned:

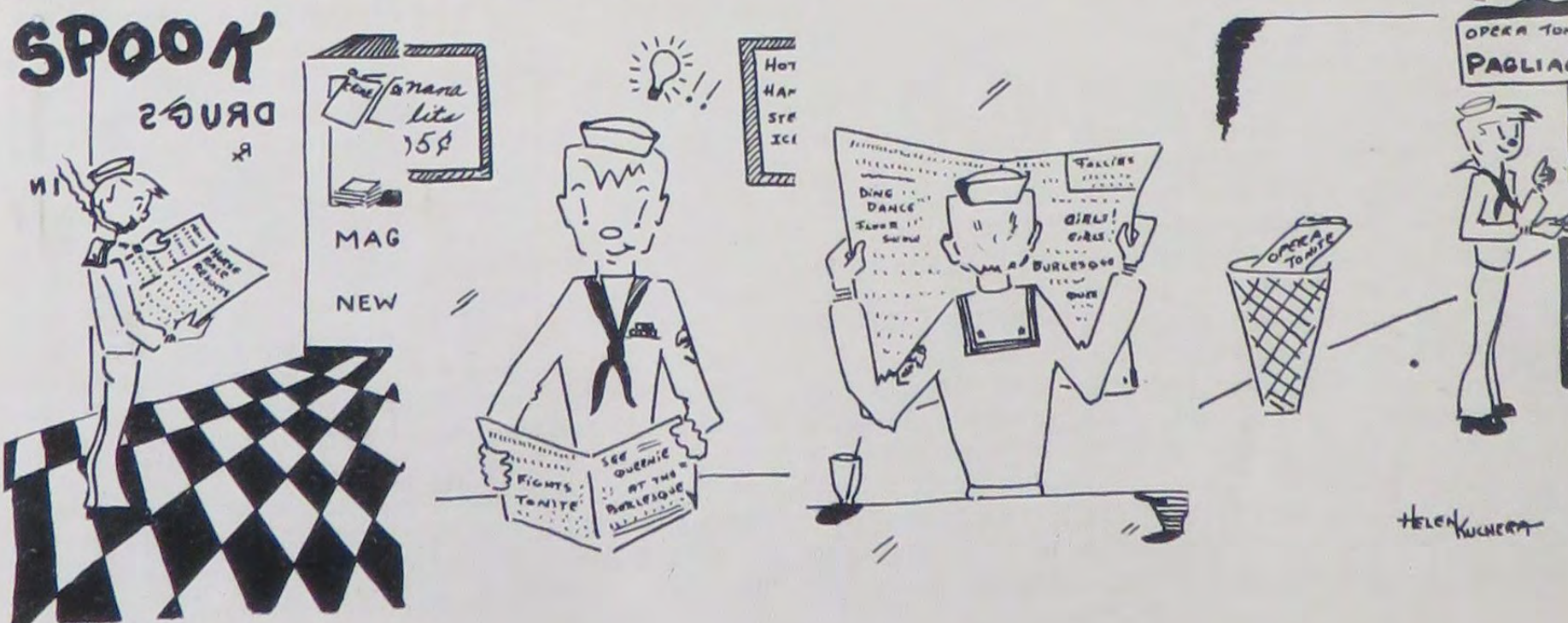
"I was just sitting in my cabin addressing a Christmas card to you and wondering how to express my appreciation for what it means to me to have Ginny under your eye at this time, when the message came in telling me the good news.

"By the way, from the time your communicators put a date-time group on it, only 56 minutes elapsed until I was reading it on the messenger's board.

"Now my Christmas is complete. And a baby girl fulfills all our fondest dreams. Thanks again, and best wishes for the New Year."

Bill.

CDR Ayers' daughter was born here on 4 December.





## Staff Personalities



One of be-bop's greatest fans is Bob C. Potter, HN, from Jersey City, New Jersey, who works in the Commissary. In April 1952, Bob "got the call" from the reserves and went to Bainbridge for recruit and HCS training. Arriving here in January, he was assigned to Ward 68A for three months, then to his present job. In civilian life, Bob worked as an ice-cream man and played semi-pro football for three years for the Jersey City Unknowns. He married his childhood sweetheart, the former Patricia Cloud, brought her to the West and now lives a few miles from Oak Knoll. Bob and his wife look forward to two future plans—Bob's discharge from the Navy in January, and their return to the East.



New England's ENS Elaine F. Ellingwood, NC, USNR, hail's from Montpelier, Vt. Commissioned in April 1953, she received her indoctrination course at USNH St. Albans, New York, and came to Oak Knoll on 23 May of this year. A graduate of Montpelier High, she was employed in a nursery, Waltham, Mass., for seven months, after earning her RN at Laconia Hospital, Laconia, New Hampshire. For three months Miss Ellingwood worked on Ward 62A and B as a staff nurse and is presently holding the same position on 70A. Ensign Ellingwood loves the outdoors, and sports such as skiing and swimming claim most of her spare time. After her two-year hitch, she tentatively plans to return to civilian nursing.

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## Scuttlebutt

**SIGNS OF THE SEASON:** Maintenance sign painters making a banner that says "Polio Patients' Christmas Caravan" to hang on the Oak Knoll bus that will take three iron lung patients from Highland Hospital on a tour of the decorated homes and firehouses . . . a nearby home, devoid of decorations except for one—a sign that says the place belongs to Ebenezer Scrooge . . . Fran LeCoq having a happy housewarming at her new home near the hospital . . . Eleanor Nunziato and Artie Fuson decorating trees in the WAVE Quarters . . . ENS George "Tommy" Tomsen and Corpsman H. O. Wylie of 69A appearing in the Christmas number of Caterpillar Tractor's NEWS and VIEWS . . . Arles Boden of Finance taking off for Texas and a month's vacation with her family . . . Pete Cocca, HMI, complaining about how hard it was to SKIN his geese.

**NOW IT CAN BE TOLD:** Since CDR Vincent E. Wagner, MC, USN, has left for residency training in children's orthopedics at St. Charles Hospital, New York, N.Y., we dare to mention that on one of his last days of duty here, he arrived at the Record Office in full uniform—complete with purple, flowered tie . . . Officers have been directed, for purposes of economy, to send only one card to their fellow staff members. The cards, addressed to CO and staff, are displayed at the Club during Christmas week for all to enjoy. The Grosses carried the economy a bit further than was expected. Their card arrived at the CO's mailroom marked "Three cents due."

**HAVE YOU SEEN** the transformation at the Finance Office? Corpsmen B. E. Beard, L. D. Stevers, W. H. Combs, H. E. Wilson, and WAVE Tillie Krulatz worked till the wee small hours last week end to give their place of business the Christmas atmosphere, and the results are well worth a sight-seeing trip down the hill.

**OF HUNTERS AND HUNTING:** PFC George R. Mifflin, USMC, on leave from Camp Pendleton, thinks duck hunting is the limit, whether you get yours or not. His gun went off, fractured several bones in his left foot, bringing his hunting to an abrupt conclusion and him to 43A . . . Eleven Knoll nimrods spent last week end on the Colusa rice paddies. The story goes that Dr. Jerry Crenshaw, of the consulting staff was the hero of the trip. The limit for the 22 hunters in the blind was 132 geese. At 3:30 Friday afternoon the guide announced that shooting must stop, since the party had knocked down 131 geese. The guide was persuaded to call in one more flock of geese providing only one hunter would shoot. "Dead Eye" Jerry was unanimously elected. Three minutes later, in came the flock of geese. Jerry rose, fired one shot, and down came goose No. 132, very dead. Among the Knoll hunters at the scene were Captains Gross, Silvis, and Potter; CDR's J. B. Smith, Whitehouse, and Christensen; LT's Baker and Frew; and CWOHC's Haines and Giles.

**TWO STAFF MEN** have already received the best possible Christmas presents. Lewis T. Potts, PNSN, of the Physical Evaluation Board, has a little girl, Deborah Lynn, born 10 December, to brighten the holidays for him and his wife, Shirley; and Reynold (NP School) and Cora Kordatzky have Nancy Kay, born 14 December.



Artificial limbs were the main topic of conversation when these men got together last week at Oak Knoll. They are, left to right, General F. S. Strong, Executive Director of the Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs of the National Research Council; Tonnes Denison, director of the Lower Extremity Clinical Study at this hospital; Ed Wagner, member of the Lower Extremity Research and Development Panel; and CAPT T. J. Canty, Chief of the Amputee Service.

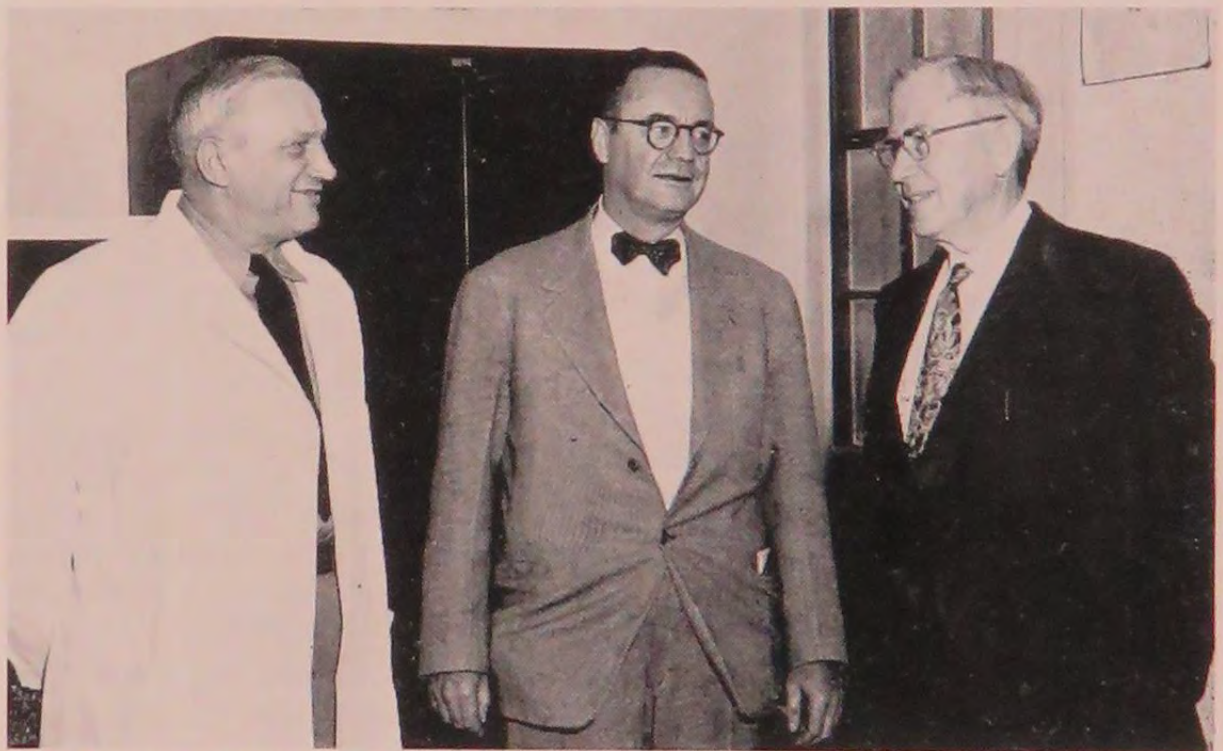
## Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs Has Luncheon, Discussion; Tour Here

Round table discussions, tours of the Artificial Limb Department, and a luncheon at the Officers' Club were on the program when representatives of the Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs and the Lower Extremity Research and Development Panel met here on 7 December.

General F. S. Strong, Executive Director of the Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs and his administrative officer, Ben Wilson, were here

from Washington, Professor H. D. Eberhart, Chairman of the Lower Extremity Research and Development Panel, from the University of California Department of Engineering, and other limb experts from various parts of the country took part in the discussions.

CAPT T. J. Canty, Chief of the Amputee Service, and members of his staff were hosts at the meetings.



CAPT David C. Gaede, Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Service, left, and Dr. Karl M. Bowman, Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California School of Medicine, discussed their work with Dr. Kenneth E. Appel, President of the American Psychiatric Association, and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania Medical School, when he visited the hospital recently. During his stay at Oak Knoll Dr. Appel, right, participated in a clinical conference conducted by the NP Service.

## PREVIEWS

**Sunday, 20 December**  
PARATROOPER — Alan Ladd and Leo Glenn, DRAMA. Rating: Very good. A technicolor production not yet released to the public. So new that there are no reviews listed in the files.

**Monday, 21 December**  
NO MOVIE—San Francisco Examiner will present a stage show with many top-notch San Francisco entertainers in the cast.

**Tuesday, 22 December**  
RIDE VAQUERO — Robert Taylor and Ava Gardner, ADVENTURE. Rating: Fair. Robert Taylor is featured as a man of mystery, a tight-lipped, deadly gunman who is the faithful aid to a Mexican badman. He is torn by his loyalties to people but finally has to decide whom to follow.

**Wednesday, 23 December**  
THE FAKE — Dennis O'Keefe and Colleen Gray, MYSTERY. Rating: Good. Jack-of-all-trades, Dennis O'Keefe returns to Oak Knoll screens with another hard-hitting, thrilling story which takes place in England. This time he is hired to guard

valuable art treasures. The 80-minute suspense story starts to unwind when someone attempts to "lift" the paintings.

**Thursday, 24 December**  
THE SYSTEM — Frank Lovejoy and Joan Weldon, MYSTERY. Rating: Good. Here is a picture about a man trying to work big-time gamblers out of the limelight so that a crime investigation committee will be unable to "pin" anything on Frank Lovejoy and his partners.

**Friday, 25 December**  
DECAMERON NIGHTS — Joan Fontaine and Louis Jordan, DRAMA. Rating: Good. Women, vs. marriage is the theme of this motion picture. A witty and spicy movie, it tells about three medieval loves.

**Saturday, 26 December**  
MR. IMPERIUM — Ezio Pinza and Lana Turner, MUSICAL. Rating: Good. This is a "second-glance" movie that was dusted off for Knollites. Mr. Pinza sings his way through 80-minutes of film, in quest of Miss Lana Turner's hand, an old favorite of flicker-fans.



# Transportation Loses to CSR; Drops to Eighth

Transportation bowlers, who have been moving ahead since the beginning of the season without losing ground in the league, suffered their first step backward when a fired-up CS&R squad dropped them to eighth place by sweeping that series. The Lab I team continued to move away from the rest of the pack by taking a complete series from the N. P. Service and is seven games out in front.

The cellar-dwelling Nurses I slipped up on their opponents, Lab II, and grabbed their first series of the year. With this win, Nurses I moved out of the deep-six spot to sixteenth place. CPO club, still fighting to stay in the race, dumped X-Ray II and took over number three berth, while the Mustangs slipped to fourth. Dental's victory put them right behind the Mustangs, in fifth place.

## Intrahospital Bowling League Standings:

Team	Won	Lost	Pinfall
1. Lab I	30	2	17,166
2. C. S. R.	23	9	15,612
3. Chiefs	21	11	17,602
4. Mustangs	20	12	17,530
5. Dental	20	12	16,285
6. Fin Cvs	20	12	16,226
7. Nurses II	19	13	15,972
8. Transportation	19	13	15,376
9. X-Ray I	18	14	17,389
10. EST I	18	14	15,595
11. X-Ray II	16	16	15,669
12. Alders	15	17	16,612
13. Cops	14	18	15,475
14. EST Students	10	22	15,538
15. Fin Pers	8	24	12,290
16. Nurses I	7	25	13,329
17. Lab II	6	26	14,434
18. N. P. Service	4	28	13,374

# Football Crew Lands Second in "B" League

The Oak Knoll football squad, the Hilltoppers, closed the season with a won, lost record of 6 to 5, and landed in second place in the 12ND Touch Football "B" League.

The Hilltoppers scored 348 points during the season to 345 tallies posted by their opponents. Their longest winning streak was two games, while their longest losing streak was three.

Most of the pigskin carrying chores were divided between Will Fry, team captain, and Fred Guith. Many of the wins were sparked by these two, the outstanding playing of Dick Baer on defense, and Jim and Jack McGill, who joined the Hilltoppers in the latter part of the season. Jack McGill placed fourth in the team scoring department.

In the points-scored department, Ironman Guith won the honors by scoring 76 points, Will Fry was second with 70, missing two games when he was discharged. Others in the scoring parade were Jack Young, 55; Jack McGill, 43; Dick Baer, 33; Chuck Leonard, 30; Mike Napoli, 18; Don Lannoo, 14; Art Duso, 8; Joe Callo-way, Digger Solomon and Kenneth Goodwin, 6 each; Al Moreno, 2; and Jim McGill, 1. Those who helped on defense and offense were LeRoy Judd, Fred Smith, and Gerry Seeley.

An estimated 1,500,000,000 Christmas cards are exchanged in the United States yearly.

# Hospital Quintet Wins Second Tilt

The Oak Knoll varsity cage crew, showing vast improvement each time they take to the hardwoods, defeated Naval Net Depot, Tiburon, on the local's floors 54-51. This is the Knollites' second win in four league games. The contest took place Monday, 14 December.

The Knoll basketballers got off to a fair start with Williams and Maxey leading the slow but determined attack. At the end of the first period the Knollites found themselves losing by one point, 12-11.

Net Depot five stepped up their fighting campaign with some sound offensive work around the key. The opponents had a torrid second quarter and put 21 points through the hoop, while the locals came up with 12. The margin was widened over the Knollites to 33-23, at the end of the second period.

## FIREWORKS BEGIN

The Knoll club was now on the prowl and moved to overtake the Depot five before it was too late. The local's defense tightened and produced a very hot third quarter for their opponents. Cooper playing guard, stepped up his feeding to Williams, the top scorer of the game, and this action produced two buckets for the home team. The opponents were unable to keep pace with the scoring and only produced 11 points, way below their second-period escapade. When the quarter was drawing to an end, the scoreboard showed that the Oak Knoll team was behind by only four points, 44-40.

As the basketball game went into its final act, the Knoll's defense tightened even more, and the Net Depot quintet seemed to run out of steam. They added to their tallies with three buckets and a free throw but were again unable to stave off the locals' final rally. Williams and Maxey were driving under the basket, dropping in much-needed points. Maxey, moments before the end of the game, dropped in two assuring points for the hometowners. When the score was added up, it read: Oak Knoll 54, Net Depot 51.

Williams took top honors in scoring again for Oak Knoll with 15 tallies to boost his season's scoring to 56 points while Maxey put six buckets through the hoop to grab second place honors.

## Summary:

Oak Knoll				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Maxey	4	4	2	12
Stevens	1	0	0	2
Hughes	4	1	4	9
Whigham	2	2	2	6
Williams	5	5	1	15
Cooper	2	2	1	6
Graves	2	0	3	4
Totals	20	14	13	54
Net Depot				
Hemer	6	4	1	16
Beckman	0	0	2	0
Schroder	5	3	4	13
Shipp	2	0	0	4
Guillaum	3	3	1	9
Farr	2	0	0	4
Littlejohn	1	0	2	2
Wood	2	0	1	4
Klatt	1	1	4	3
Totals	20	11	17	51



Meet the Oak Knoll Women's Basketball team! The first organization its kind at the hospital, the lady cagers are sporting a 1-1 record to date. Those on the club are, left to right (standing), Coach Dale Folger, Phyllis McElfish, Scorekeeper; Marge Sather, Lois Duran, Joan Dailey, Joyce Gibbs, Barbara Kayser, and Marty Marx. Kneeling are Joyce Brenner, Terry Verbish, Dolly Carston, and Carol McClellen.

# Female Cagers Lose First Game on Home Court to NAS, Alameda, 30-25

The Oak Knoll Women's Basketball squad dropped its first home game of the season on Mill's College floor to NAS, Alameda, 30-25, Wednesday, 9 December. On their home court for the first time in the young basketball season, the female cage crew numbered only ten. Of these, three fouled out and were injured before the end of the contest.

Trailing 7-5 at the end of the first period, Oak Knoll ran into a cold streak, and at the end of the half the locals were losing 17-14.

## PASSING ATTACK

The locals came out strong in the second half and dumped in three baskets, but the NAS six came bouncing back to put six of their own tallies through the hoop. They jumped back into the lead 23-21.

The opponents turned on the gas in the final quarter with some fine hook shots and shooting from the key to drop in seven points to the local's five tallies. When the whistle blew to end the game, the score read NAS-30, Oak Knoll-25.

What cut the female club down to size was the inability to hit on the

free throws. Lacking the poise of a well-organized outfit, they missed 27 of the 30 free throws. Only two of the six that were in the starting lineup, Terry Verbish, and Joyce Gibbs, could finish the game. Marge Sather, Joyce Brennen, and Carol McClellen, forwards, fouled out, while Joyce Gibbs and Marge Sather played the game with fractured fingers until the latter retired via fouls.

Marge Sather carried the load once again for the home club by tallying eight points, Joyce Brenner took second highest honors with six, Barbara Kayser, a newcomer to the scoring circle, registered five, Carol McClellen two, Terry Verbish, and Joyce Gibbs hit for two apiece.

# Western Sea Frontier Beats Knoll Pinmen

The Hospital keglers with Chaplain L. C. Vosseler, team captain, at the wheel, lost to Western Sea Frontier on the local's hard lanes, 2-1, Monday night. With the loss of these two heats, the Knollites' seasonal record stands at 13 wins and 15 losses.

The locals lost no time trying to win, as L. E. Hooser ripped off a 206 game while the Knoll Club was winning the first contest with an 838 series. The opponent's attack was put down as they scored 821 in their first heat. The gate was slammed shut in the second series as the Western Sea Frontier five bounced back to win by one pin, 851-850. The Oak Knoll bowling team continued to fight, but fell short by six pins when defeated by the opponents in the third game, 830-824. When the total number of pins felled for the evening was counted, Oak Knoll won in that department with 2512, to the opponent's 2502.

Other members on the kegling five were Vic Irving and F. H. Holmes.

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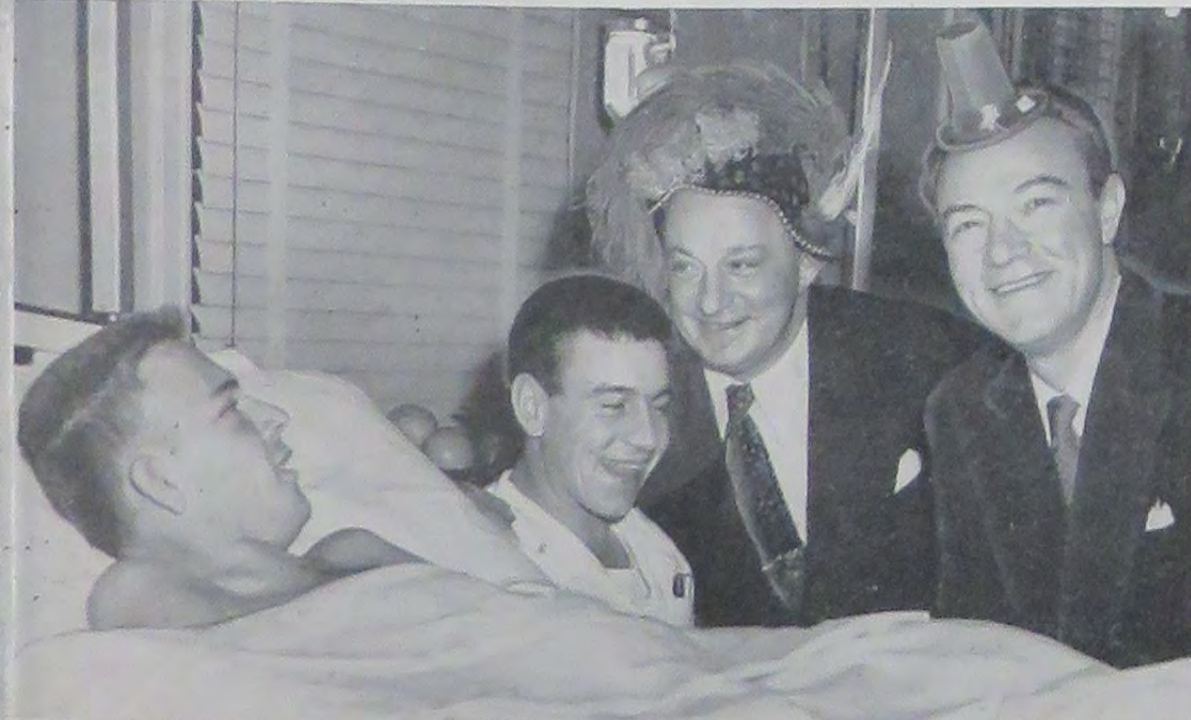
Thursday, 31 December, 1953



The Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee Santa Claus arrived the morning of the 25th with a present for each man, woman, and child aboard. Smiling patients pictured with him here are Seamen Ivan L. Burnett and Kenneth Deardorf, and Fred Lujan, TMSN.



Robert Kennemore, Oak Knoll's Congressional Medal of Honor winner, and singer Edith Dahl were welcome visitors at the bedside of Merle Hay of the Orthopedic Ward.



Seaman Milton Culbreth of 74A and Ward Corpsman Bill Higgins got in on the fun when the Arnout Brothers toured the wards the day before Christmas. They were among the many top-notch entertainers brought here by the Christmas Committee. (Photos courtesy Oakland Tribune.)

## 1953 Rings Out With Memories of Happy Holidays

Though Knollites everywhere are busy ringing out the Old Year and ringing in the New, Christmas still looms large in the memory of all who spent the holidays at Oak Knoll.

Through the mail and through the gate came greetings and gifts from friends of the hospital everywhere. The Sunday before Christmas the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee moved in, decorating each ward, the main gate, the chapel, the auditorium. But members of the committee, headed by President Nat Levy and Oak Knoll Coordinator Thomas V. Adams, had been busy for weeks in advance, buying the gifts that Santa delivered to the patients on Christmas day, recruiting talent for the lively acts and the music they presented on the wards.

The Oakland Tribune publicized plans of the committee throughout the month of December, and individuals and organizations responded with cash contributions that enabled the committee to bring a Merry Christmas to Oak Knoll, Parks Air Force Base Hospital, the VA Hospital in Oakland, and the VA Hospital in Livermore, where the group began its work 29 years ago.

The Examiner Show and the Bob Hope Show (reported elsewhere in these columns), the special activities planned by Red Cross, the holiday feast produced by the Food Service staff, all contributed a great deal to the success of the season, as did the work of LTJG R. G. DeWitt and his faithful Special Services crew, who coordinated the many entertaining events.

## Rec Center Gets New Head; Planning Board

Special Services announced this week that the Staff Enlisted Recreation Center now has L. D. Hoffman, HM3, as its manager and serving with him is a planning Board consisting of HM3's S. L. Bradford and Tom Turnipseed; HN's B. B. McNatt and M. G. Borkan.

These five are looking for suggestions to improve the EM Club. They ask that you list your suggestions and give them to the Master-at-Arms in your barracks. He in turn will give the ideas to the Club Manager. All hands are asked to back their club with new ideas.



Sleek songstress Eartha Kitt was among the outstanding entertainers brought to Oak Knoll by the San Francisco Examiner in its annual show for the war wounded.

## Eartha Kitt Stars In Examiner Show

Oak Knoll was treated to a hilarious time Monday, 21 December, when the San Francisco Examiner presented its annual show in the hospital auditorium. Spotlighted by the presence of the "C'est si Bon" girl, Eartha Kitt, who is now playing in "New Faces" at San Francisco's Curran Theater, the program will long be remembered by those who had the good fortune to see it.

Accompanied by pianist Arthur Siegel, Eartha Kitt gave her time and talent to Oak Knoll and then rushed back to her San Francisco engagement. Besides singing the number which made her so famous, the star of the evening sang "Santa Baby" and "Think of All the Fun I Missed."

Allan Cole, MC, started the program with his solo of "Fire Bright," followed by several band numbers.

Sing Lee Sing and two other tumbling artists gave the audience a few frightening moments when they defied gravity in a precarious balancing act reaching to the ceiling.

Tony Marzean, the girl with many joints, threw her body across the

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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### "THE NEW YEAR"

All during today you will be greeting people with a traditional "Happy New Year." Very few will look back over the past year and think of the things they promised a year ago, and hardly anyone will remember the resolutions he made then.

Happy New Year? What will make us happy? It cannot be having everything we want, because there are those who have everything, according to the world's standards, and they still are not happy. It almost seems that having too much of this world's goods is the surest way to be unhappy.

Everyone will want to go out and celebrate. What will they celebrate? Since alcohol is really a narcotic, rather than a stimulant, it looks as though they are trying to forget that there is a little reason to celebrate. Ask some of your friends about the past several New Years' celebrations and they will remember them in terms of the amount of liquor they consumed.

Happy New Year. Of course, it can be a Happy New Year for you. Why? Because you share in the Divine Life making God your father and Christ your brother. You are a sharer in Divine Life. What more do you need to make you happy? How can you be happy with less? Celebrate? Certainly! Who in the world could have more reason? Let there be joy in your heart at this time—"First Day of the New Year"—and for the whole year since Christ is there and He will always give you a peace and happiness which no man can take from you.

EDMUND J. FORD,  
Catholic Chaplain.

## Keep Memory of Yule Tree Bright

Now that Christmas and New Year's is past—a thing of beauty—the Christmas tree—if misused, can bring tragedy and destruction.

One of the extreme fire hazards around the holidays is the Christmas tree, and consideration in destroying them is just as important as the safety measures taken during their stay in your home.

Personnel are urged to discard them with other rubbish rather than attempt to burn the trees in fireplaces or outdoor disposal units. One second of carelessness could turn the joyful Yuletide into a time of unhappiness.

### Library Hours

New hours were announced by the station library this week. They are Monday to Friday, 0800-2100, Saturday, 0800-1200, 1300-1630, and 1730-2100, and Sunday, 1200-1600 and 1730-2100.

## Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

### PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945  
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030  
Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900  
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel  
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1900 Wed.  
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

### L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

### CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN  
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—  
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON  
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015



Some of the vital participants in the Christmas dance on 17 December at the Red Cross Lounge were Lurline Hendricks, Gray Lady; Jan Tyle (left), and Lynn Lasey (right), hostesses; and members of the Berkeley High School Band.

## Red Cross Ramblings

Starting with the roast beef dinner at the Olympic Club in San Francisco on 9 December and continuing through the Christmas Eve parties on every ward, the patients have been kept in touch with the spirit of Christmas.

The dance in the Red Cross Lounge, on 17 December had the necessary requisites for a lively Christmas dance—young hostesses, a "live" band, and a beautifully decorated lounge, complete with fireplace, mobiles and a tall Christmas tree. On Christmas Eve, a visitor on any of the wards would have been amazed to see popcorn popping, electric trains whizzing around, carols being sung, and many other most cherished "night before Christmas" activities. Could he have resisted that delicious smell of hot spiced cider floating through the wards? He would have noticed that Red Cross staff members, Gray Ladies and their families were all helping to give the wards a quiet, "at home" atmosphere. . . . Aside from these more obvious activities, many patients have been working for weeks (some, too, at the last minute) on their own Christmas presents, with materials and help provided through the Red Cross Craft Shop. Some of the gifts that were made were Christmas stockings, dyed leather wallets and purses, and small wooden or cloth toys.

### NEW YEAR PREDICTIONS—'54

We feel quite safe in predicting that, barring disaster, the Red Cross will continue its ward movie program. In fact, the first week of January "The Master of Ballantrae," with Errol Flynn and Anthony Steel is on the circuit. . . . We also are quite certain to have all our volunteers—Gray Ladies, Motor Corps, Canteen Service, Chapter Home Service, Junior Red Cross and Entertainment and Supply Service, to contribute to the Red Cross program here in '54.

## New Time Chosen For Choir Meeting

The Protestant Choir meetings henceforth will be held on Wednesday evenings at 1900 in the Main Chapel, the change becoming effective this week. The old time was 1930 on Thursday. All hands are invited to attend.



One of the highlights of the Christmas Eve service was the singing of Christmas Carols by 35 tiny voices of children from the station Sunday School. Choir members are all children of officers and enlisted men stationed at Oak Knoll. Mr. Andy Stathis directed the children in singing "Away in the Manger," "The Bells Are Gaily Ringing," "Dear Little Stranger," and concluded the evening service with "Silent Night."





HM3 Pauline Krampitz, right, helped staff Oak Knoll's bus-ambulance for Oakland's polio patient tour of decorated firehouses. She is pictured with Charles G. Hellings, 6½, one of three iron lung patients who made the trip with 16 other polios from Fairmont Hospital, and Dorothy Hungerford, RN, supervisor of polio service at Fairmont Hospital.



Here is the big Navy bus that took three iron lung patients from Fairmont Hospital on a tour of Oakland's decorated firehouses the Monday evening before Christmas. Responsible for Oak Knoll's participation in the caravan were CWO Forrest Bryant, HMC J. E. Swanson, and HM3's Pauline Krampitz and Robert Todd. Note the generator at the side of the bus. It kept the iron lungs "breathing."

## Bob Brings Jerry Colonna; "Hokey" Holiday to Hospital

Bob Hope, star of radio, screen and television, arrived at Oak Knoll Sunday, 27 December and literally took over the place with the assistance of such celebrities as Jerry Colonna, Vera Mason and the Corsonni Brothers. The cast played to a near-capacity house and recorded parts of the show for use on radio station KNBC.

Hope got the show underway by telling stories of the Navy as only he can tell them, keeping the audience laughing for ten minutes straight before returning to the role of master-of-ceremonies for the afternoon.

Vera Mason tap-danced to "Where the Deep Purple Lies," and the Corsonni Brothers from the Italian Village, Carl and the twins, Bert and Joe, took over where Vera Mason left off, and nearly stopped the show with their acrobatics. Carl balanced by one hand on a mike and brought cheers from the house when he lit and smoked a cigarette in that position. He topped the act by balancing with one finger on a bowling ball, all the time wearing a top hat.

Next in line was vocal soloist, Betsy Duncan, who sang "I Love Paris," "Ebb Tide," and "That's Amour," followed by Jerry Colonna, who sang several songs and pantomimed "Ebb Tide."

Betsy Duncan and Bob Hope then combined talents to sing "Baby That's Love," which brought the house down. The show finished with Bob Hope wearing his ten gallon hat for his eleven gallon head, singing "Buttons and Bows."

## Navy Mothers' Club Give Typewriter to PFC Wyatt

George F. Wyatt, PFC, USMC, was happily surprised to receive a Royal portable typewriter as a Christmas gift from the Sacramento Navy Mother's Club. George, a patient aboard ward 42A, was flown from Osaka, Japan, to have his left leg amputated below the knee as a result of malignancy. A native of Atlanta, Texas, he joined the service 11 months ago.

## Knoll Bus Takes Polio Patients on Holiday Trip

When the Polio Patients' Christmas Caravan rolled away from Fairmont Hospital the Monday night before Christmas, Oak Knoll's big bus-ambulance was in the line-up, carrying three iron-lung confined polio patients through residential districts and past Oakland firehouses to see the city's colorful holiday decorations.

Nineteen polio patients made the trip, and a letter the commanding officer received this week from Dr. Leon Lewis, chief of the poliomyelitis service for Alameda County, reports that "It was a very delightful trip for everyone, and the Navy came through with flying colors."

The Navy bus was specially rigged

### March of Dimes Starts

The yearly March of Dimes campaign starts today, 2 January and will continue to 31 January. Although there will be no organized drive at Oak Knoll, anyone who wishes to give will have the opportunity to do so.

Miniature "iron lungs" will be placed at various buildings about the hospital compound, and donations will be turned over to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

with a generator necessary to keep the iron lungs in operation, the gen-

erator slung outside the bus to protect the three patients from the noise and fumes that would have been present had the machine been set up inside the bus.

CWOHC Forrest H. Bryant, Transportation Officer, and HMC J. E. Swanson of Maintenance made arrangements for equipping the special iron-lung bus, and Robert Sedam served as the driver. Attendants were HM3's Pauline Krampitz and Robert Todd.

Various community groups, including police and fire departments and the Alameda County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, with Fairmont Hospital authorities, planned the trip.

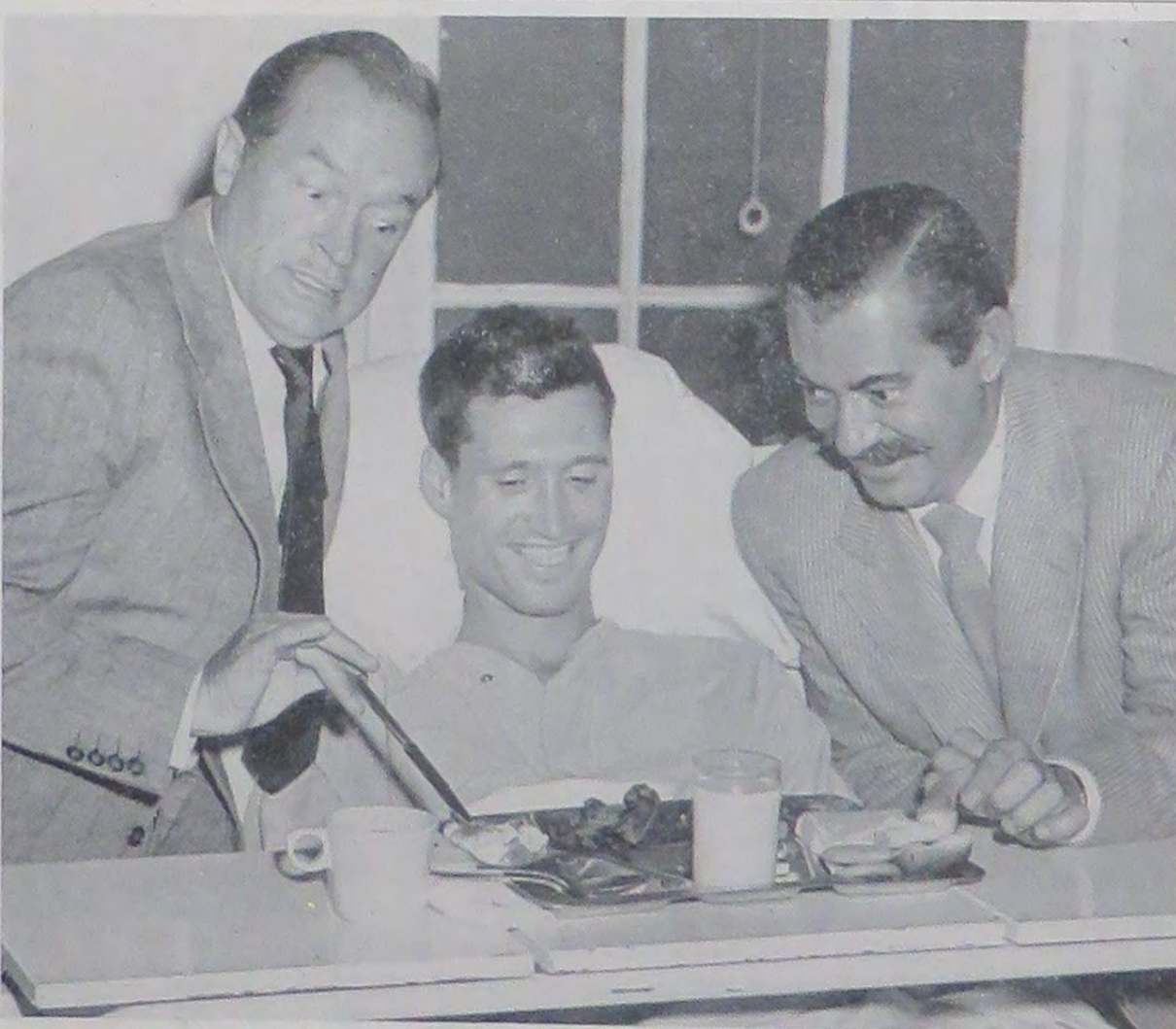
## HM3 Advancement in Rate Test List Nears Completion

The Staff Personnel Officer announced this week that his office is compiling a list of all the staff who will compete in service-wide examinations for advancement in rate to be held in February, 1954. Personnel desiring to take the test should contact

the Staff Personnel Office at their earliest opportunity in order to facilitate completion of the necessary forms prior to the test date.

The deadline for making applications is 15 January. It is requested by the Personnel Officer that all per-

sonnel should be encouraged to take part in the examination. Prerequisites need not be completed at the time of application. There are only 13 more days until the signing deadline.



"How do they expect ya to get well on that stuff!" the inimitable Bob Hope quipped as he paid a visit to Wayne Carson, TD3, Sunday noon on 70B. His running-mate, Jerry Colonna, looks on with interest (to put it mildly.) Yes, the picture on the left is right side up. It's Carl Corsonni in one of his great balancing acts. While supporting himself on the mike, he manages to scratch a match and light his cigarette for a nice relaxing smoke.



# Christmas Was Merry When Santa Claus Came to Oak Knoll



If Santa's reputation hadn't already been established, it would have been after the super-special Christmas party Special Services put on for the children of patients and staff. Not one, but four, Santas arrived via the station firetruck to unload their packs in the auditorium, where some 250 Navy youngsters were waiting. In photo (1) the roly-poly man in red is Chief Jules Fontaine, and if anyone can identify the eager little boys stepping up for their presents, the OAK LEAF would like to know about it. Photos (2) and (4) were taken when the TEVS (Telephone Employees' Voluntary Service) were hostesses to Letterman and Oak Knoll patients at a gala Christmas Party in San Francisco; (3) CWOHC Marian Cramer and some of her assistants were all set up for the photographer when he passed through Physical Therapy during the Christmas Party. (5) Among the many contributions of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee was the Nativity scene that decorated the lawn in front of the chapel. (6) Even the Ad Building got its touch of Christmas greenery and a brightly lighted anchor. (7) Gray Lady Elaine Josephian was on hand to advise this young man as he explored his Christmas gifts. (8) Every ward had its Christmas tree, contributed and decorated by the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee. (9) Jeannie Wilson, Hollywood artist, was among the many holiday visitors on the wards. (10) Children and parents shared the fun when Santa came to the auditorium.



# Bringing Gifts, Fun, Food—A Good Time Was Enjoyed by All



Members of the staff found time for holiday celebrations in their own departments. (1) Judging from the interest shown here, the food at physio was fine. (2) Homer Schreiber of the psychology section was among those who attended the party on the OT branch on Ward 53. (3) Laundry employees took time between washings for this gay get-together. (4) And Finance forgot its figures long enough to wish each other the merriest of Christmases and the hospital a PROSPEROUS New Year. (5) Over at Surgery 2, scalpels were put aside while surgeons turned to the more seasonal task of carving the turkey. (6) This jolly group of gentlemen are easily recognizable as the hospital's artificial limb makers. (7) Miss Vick, Physical Therapy supervisor, obviously enjoyed her role as punch ladler. (8) The people in this happy huddle are members of the Dental Department and their wives. (9) Santa obviously enjoyed his visit to the Record Office. (10) Dr. Clark and Miss Gavin were among the many who enjoyed the surgery party, making their way through the chow line? (11) Is this the laundry or Finance where CAPT Bradley, LCDR Millard, CAPT Gross, and LT Wade are shoot "something different," were among the guests at the OT party. The fellow responsible for the pictures appearing on these two pages and elsewhere in the OAK LEAF may be surprised to discover himself appearing as Exhibit (13). His picture is from the candid camera of CAPT R. L. Gilman.





Six more bed patients can convalesce to music since the Oakland Naval Supply Center's Association of Women Supervisors presented that many bedside radios to the hospital last week. Mrs. Josephine Miller, chairman of the special projects committee, left, and Mrs. Lillian Spencer, right, president of the group, delivered the radios, and CAPT Herman A. Gross, Executive Officer, accepted them for the hospital.



The Welfare Council, representatives of the Employees of Owens Illinois Glass Company, delivered eleven Sylvania radios to Oak Knoll last week. Those on hand for the presentation were (left to right) Leo Cardenas, Marvin Ewing, LTJG R. G. DeWitt, Special Services Officer, and Thomas Plemmons.

## Welcome and Farewell

Reporting in were LT Marshall W. Olson, MC, USNR, LTJG Lee C. Park, MC, USNR, from U.S. Army interservice transfer; LT Mary Ostgard, NC, USN, from USNH, San Diego; LTJG Laura C. Wheeler, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, N. Y.; HM3's R. D. Powell and J. R. Nichols, from USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; HN's R. E. Hastings, R. T. Carkeek, G. H. Bartkowiak, K. I. Beckman, E. Bayer, W. L. Brown, L. E. Drone, Jr., J. D. Ray, S. J. Wright, J. R. Greco; and HA's J. S. Bucan, W. L. Burhart, S. A. Carrick, E. Cayaban, L. C. Daniels, C. J. Engle, V. L. Henley, R. L. Keith, W. S. Marshall, F. C. McCord, D. J. McGaugh, M. S. McMillan, J. A. Whery, C. W. Wiggins, G. A. Wynn, and R. P. Bynum, all from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were CDR Oscar T. McDonough, Jr., MC, USN, to USNH, Beaufort, S. C.; CDR Vincent E. Wagner, MC, USN, to St. Charles Hospital, N. Y.; LT Melvin M. Lipsett, MC, USNR, to NAS, T. I.; LT Lisburn C. Hanes, Jr., MC, USNR, to FMF, Camp Pendleton; LTJG Irvin M. Becker, MC, USNR, to USS GENERAL J. C. BRECKINRIDGE; LTJG Edwin D. Griffin, MC, USNR, to Army Chemical Training Center, Fort McClellan, Ala.; LT Stewart P. Tipton, MSC, USN, to NAS, Moffett Field; LT Olive G. McClatchey, NC, USN, to USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; LT

Eleanor M. Lux, NC, USN, to NAS, Alameda; LT Mary Grande, NC, USN, to NAS, Patuxent River, Md.; LTJG June R. Thurnau, NC, USN, to NAS, Tongue Point, Astoria, Ore.; HMC W. V. Merrick, to USS PIEDMONT; and HN's W. Martin, Jr., to COMNAVFE, and E. T. Daisey, Jr., to USS QUINCEY.

## HA'S Get Rate Hike

Christmas presents came early to 21 HA's, when the results of the HN test became effective 16 December. They are Alice Girard and Artie I. Fuson, WAVES, and I. L. Burnett, T. N. Crumbley, R. C. Denton, D. H. Dunn, D. G. Fine, J. Gerdes, P. T. Gill, E. Graves, C. H. Lundin, A. P. Moulton, J. W. Murray, L. J. Nelson, G. B. Oakes, K. K. Pratt, A. C. Richardson, B. H. Rork, F. A. Schiavo, G. C. Shinn, G. F. Stokes, and J. H. Thinker, all hospital corpsmen.

The staff extends sincerest sympathy to LCDR Melvin P. Huber in the loss of his mother. Mr. Huber was called to his home in Grants Pass, Oregon, early in November because of the death of his father, and Wednesday he received word that his mother had died. His parents had been married for 57 years.

## Mrs. John Graham Winner of TV Set

When Jeffrey Hamburg, four-year-old son of retired LT James W. Hamburg, of Palo Alto, drew the lucky ticket for the de luxe combination Emerson TV set, radio, and record player, he pulled a real Navy number. The winner of the set proved to be Mrs. John S. Graham, wife of a retired Commander, daughter of former RADM C. B. T. Moore, sister of retired RADM C. J. Moore, and aunt of three Lieutenants, two of whom are graduates of the Naval Academy, and the other a Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

Her husband graduated from the Naval Academy in 1898, just in time to participate in the Cuban Campaign of the Spanish American War. He took part in the Philippine Campaign of 1900 and the Boxer Rebellion in China. During World War I he served aboard the USS SARA TOGA, the former USS NEW YORK, on coastal patrol, and at one time he was in command of the USS VICKSBURG. During World War II, he was one of the board members of the Secretary of the Navy in San Francisco.

Mrs. Graham and her husband are enjoying their exciting new Christmas package at their home in Berkeley.

## Vows Exchanged by Two Staffers During Holidays

### Boot-Roberts

Pre-Christmas nuptials in the Chapel on 23 December united Monica Boot and Ronald E. Roberts in marriage. Father Edmund J. Ford officiated in the double-ring ceremony.

Roberts, a former lab student here, is an HM3, now stationed at Corona.

The bride was attired in a gray suit with a white orchid and black accessories. Attendants were Rose Mary Tucci, HM3, of EEG, and Norman Poplau, Catholic Chaplain's assistant.

After a five-day honeymoon, Monica, an HM3, is back on duty in the examination and treatment room, while her husband returned to his duties at Corona.

### Cooper-Countryman

Christmas and wedding bells combined when Dolores C. Cooper became the bride of Richard V. Countryman at Parks Air Force Base Chapel on 25 December.

The bride, attended by Knollite Lois Duran, wore a white lace and tulle gown, with tiara and fingertip veil. She wore pearl earrings and carried white baby orchids. Best man was Cary Diggs, A/1c, also of Parks Air Force Base. Chaplain Coffee officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Dolores is an HN on duty in the nursery. Richard is an A/1c in the supply division at the nearby Air Force base.

## Vonalee Rose Presents Christmas Variety Show

Twelve acts were performed by a troupe of entertainers brought by Vonalee Rose, Tuesday evening, 22 December, in the hospital auditorium.

Among the song and dance acts were hulas by Phyllis Isquierdo and Shirley Rego, and toward the end of the show they were joined by two Knollites on the stage who really



This little troupier is seven-year-old Pabsy Georgian. She appeared in the "Water Show" that was presented to Knollites Wednesday, 23 December, doing stunts and strokes to "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth." Her sister, Darlene, and mother, Rose, also appeared on the same program.

## Diving, Comedy Highlight Show

One of the finest water shows in many a moon was presented to Oak Knoll the day before Christmas Eve. Incorporated in this fast-moving show were water ballets, championship diving, comedy diving and swimming exhibitions.

Five girls started things rolling with a "Magic Music Box" number. The audience then was treated to a fine display of swimming by Nancy Wallace. Next came the act "Jack-in-the-Box," performed by Houston Moore, with a whale imitation and different types of comic strokes.

From imitations, the audience was swept to a diving spectacle by Rose Georgian, Midwest Diving Champion of 1944. After this came a water ballet to the song "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town." Ten times National Diving Champion and twice Olympic Games Champion, Al White took to the highboards to perform backward dives, a running swan dive, and a half-gainer. His son John, a naval cadet at Pensacola, Fla., also went through the same routine.

Junior Olympic Champion in synchronized swimming, Pabsy Georgian, in Christmas costume, stopped the show with her stunts and strokes.

The theme of the water show changed when Houston Moore took to the rafters of the swimming pool to do a comedy routine that capped the day's performance.

danced with the audience's cries of "Go, Go, Go."

Jackie de Carlo, tap-danced several numbers, showing her agility when jumping rope in time to the music. The Novales Combo went hep as the drummer beat away on those talking drums.

Petite Pauline Wood climaxed the show by singing "Silent Night."



Scuttlebutt

**SCENES OF THE SEASON:** CWOHC Peart's four little girls — Helen, Sylvia, Anna, and Joan — all dressed up for the children's party in red dresses, white fur bonnets, white shoes and gloves . . . Special Services getting a greeting card from Louis and Lucille Armstrong of Brooklyn. "Satchmo" and his All Stars played his trumpet on the Knoll stage in '51, and apparently he hasn't forgotten . . . Attractive Hedy Davies leading the carols at the Officers' Christmas party . . . Ruth Quire going into seclusion to study for her Chief's rate . . . Henry Bourdase calling geese at the Ad Building party . . .

**PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:** Congratulations to Dick Baer, HN, of the Medical Board. He has just received word that he's been granted a scholarship to Notre Dame . . . ENS Joan White was not as unlucky as most young ladies whose birthdays are in late December. Her fellow dis-bursers surprised her with a party Tuesday . . . It was Helen Kuchera who did the Christmas decoration for Page 1 of the last issue of the LEAF. . . Apparently the publicity Queenie received in connection with her work on the mail run has gone to her head. She insisted on attending the CO's Monday morning planning conference this week . . .

**OAKNOLLUMNI:** Two of the Knoll's favorite alumni, CAPT Jay Gordon and his wife, Sonia, here for the holidays, were feted Sunday at a party at the club by CAPT and Mrs. Poos, the Cantys, and the Asbelles . . . From NAS, Brunswick, Me., comes word that LCDR and Mrs. George W. Barnes, Jr., are parents of a baby girl, Beverley, born 11 Dec. Their son, Buddy, is 10.

**LIFE BEGINS:** LT Murdock S. Bowman's wife, Jeanne, presented him a baby daughter, Elizabeth Ann, on 19 December. The little girl, their third child, weighed 6 lb. 12½ oz. at birth . . . Lon Milo Williams is the name LaVerne and Eunice Williams have given to their new son, born 27 December. The 7 lb. 3½ oz. boy's dad works in the clerical pool on Ward 52.

Extra Oak Leaves

There are a few back copies of the OAK LEAF on hand in the OAK LEAF office. Anyone desiring copies, please call at the office not later than 9 January.



The attentive audience above welcomed stars of the Examiner Show to the hospital on 21 December. At right Sing Lee Sing and his tumblers go into one of their breath-taking tumbling acts, and at right, below, Lolita and Ardo give their graceful interpretation of the "Moonlight Sonata."

More Songs Finish Examiner Show

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stage with great agility in giving her doll dance. Toy Yat Mar, San Francisco's "Sophie Tucker," sang "I'm the Lonesome Girl in Town" and "A Chinese Lullaby."  
Herb Sells gave his interpretations of Eddie Fisher, Jack Benny, Dennis Day, Nat King Cole, Vaughn Mon-

roe, Walter Winchell, Billy Eckstein, Frank Sinatra, and the Ink Spots.  
The evening of entertainment was climaxed with Lolita and Ardo dancing to "Moonlight Sonata" and "Cecelia." A third dance, "Fan Fantasy," which was written especially for them, had been an act in one of Ed Sullivan's recent TV shows.



PREVIEWS

**Sunday, 3 January**  
**ROB ROY**—Richard Todd and Glynis Johns, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. This is a British technicolor production by Walt Disney, his second straight movie of the year. The story and action takes place in the Scottish highlands. This is 1954's first "first-glance" film for Knoll moviegoers. The picture is due for release to the public in February.

**Monday, 4 January**  
**RETURN OF THE TEXAN**—Dale Robertson and Joanne Dru, WESTERN. Rating: Fair. Whether this is a new or old flicker we don't know, but anyway come on down and join all your Texan friends in seeing "plain folks" trying to put a run-down farm on a paying basis.

**Tuesday, 5 January**  
**THE STRANGER WORE A GUN**—Randolph Scott and Claire Trevor, WESTERN. Rating: Good. Rough riding, hard talking Randolph Scott returns to Oak Knoll screens in this Columbia cowboy flicker. This technicolor feature is a 3-D made into a "flat" for movie viewers. Filled with violence a-plenty, Mr. Scott, once a badman, turns good but as usual, too late!

**Wednesday, 6 January**  
**SINGING IN THE RAIN**—Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor, and Debby Reynolds,

MUSICAL. Rating: Very good. The dancing threesome is back at the Knoll Theater with a "second glance" movie. All three stars sing and tap their way through this heart-warming story.

**Thursday, 7 January**  
**BAD FOR EACH OTHER**—Charlton Heston and Lizabeth Scott, DRAMA. Rating: Good. A doctor has to choose between a rich, lazy life with Lizabeth Scott, and a poor miserable existence ministering to the ailments of coal miners. What life will he choose?

**Friday, 8 January**  
**THE SEA AROUND US**—This is a color documentary film. Rating: Very good. Marine organisms, the sea, and the earth are the stars in this film. The film attempts to demonstrate, briefly, the formations of the earth and seas. This feature dwells mainly on the wonders produced by the sea.

**Saturday, 9 January**  
**RED SKIES OF MONTANA**—Richard Widmark and Constance Smith, ADVENTURE. Rating: Very good. This technicolor production deals with forest fire fighting in Montana. Richard Widmark returns to lead the cast in this "second-glance" film, and a fight to clear his name in the fire fighting business. Action unwinds the story into a real heroic ending.



After 15 two-hour meetings in the civilian training classroom, Building 133, this group of employees graduated from the University of California Extension Course, "Psychology of Group Leadership," 15 December. The class was conducted under the able leadership of Dr. Gordon Hearn, Professor at UC. Standing left to right are: Ray Braine, Lloyd J. Marshall, LT Daryle A. Wade, LT Gladys V. Bennett, LT Annie J. Poytress, Mrs. Rosella Asbelle, Jean K. Carnell, Kay Ammon, Pinkie Orr, and LTJG Pauline F. Prest. Seated from left to right are: Kenneth D. Coleman, Training Superintendent of Civilian Personnel, Dr. Hearn, Dorothee B. Prentice, LT Margaret E. Leggett, E. A. Nelsen, Thelma McNeil, LT Betty L. Baldwin, Mabel Blaine, and Olga Hinrichs. The next class dealing with Public Personnel Administration will begin 2 February. Those interested are urged to see Mr. Coleman.





It looks as if Ohio can well be proud of her citizens, for these two Ohioans were recently commended for their outstanding work by CAPT Bradley. Sue Champlin, HN, while assigned to special watch duties on Ward 40A, "combined high intelligence, vigilance, and nursing ability in the care of two patients, one of whom was critically ill." Wayne Martin, HN, of Pediatrics, 72B, was commended for "his manner in the examination, treatment and inoculation of children, which earned him the admiration and praise of doctors in the clinic." Sue is from Rittman, and Wayne hails from Hillsboro, Ohio.

### Openings For School

All HM3's and HN's who reported to this station prior to 21 August of last year and are interested in Operating Room Technician School, please report to the Staff Personnel Office immediately.

"I said to her, 'whisper the three little words that will make me walk on air.'"

"What did she say,"  
"Go hang yourself."

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## Basketball Five Wins Two Tilts

Playing under a new name, Acorns, and armed with a new coach, Bill W. O'Connell, the local hospitalmen added the necessary spark to produce a late rally and a 61-52 win over Western Sea Frontier on 16 December.

The Western Sea quintet got off to a fast start with some outstanding passing and hook shots to lead the Knollites at the end of the first period, 13-12.

The opponents began to tighten their lead when they dropped 14 points through the ring. The Oak Knoll club was unable to keep pace and put only eight markers in the mesh, and at the end of this canto the locals were losing, 26-19. Williams was all over the court for the hospitalmen and was exceptionally good on the backboards and rebounds but was hampered by a sagging defense. **STAGGERING BACK**

Slowly but surely the Knoll hospitalmen staggered back in the third quarter, dropping 18 points into the hoop. Western Sea Frontier matched this performance with less assurance, and the Oak Knoll basketballers broke loose with a rush of buckets to stage a rally in the final period. When the buzzer sounded, Oak Knoll was the winner by a score of 61-52.

Towers of strength for the home town boys were Maxey and Hughes, who led the attack with 12 tallies each.

The locals' second win and the fourth of the basketball season against two losses came at the expense of the San Francisco Naval Shipyard five on 21 December. The Acorns hospitalmen were never overtaken after the first few minutes of play and went on to rack up a 59-51 victory.

Coach Bill O'Connell's team started fast, with Stevers hooking two buckets. This quarter, Williams scored 10 of his 23 points, and at the end of the canto the hospital crew was leading, 18-13.

The opponents threw up a fast zone defense but were unable to stop the rolling locals' attack, and when the Acorns left the floor at intermission, they were leading 33-21.

### ATTACK QUICKENS

Even with a comfortable lead, Coach Bill O'Connell kept his boys fighting, and after the half-time intermission their pace was quickened. They sunk 15 markers, while their enemy slammed 11 in the mesh, and at the end of the third quarter the local cagers were leading, 48-32.

Coming on the court in the last period, the locals' defense weakened to the extent where the San Francisco five netted 19 tallies to the Oak Knoll squad's 11. This canto was marked by the fine display of shooting by Chapman on the Naval Shipyard's team. He scored 11 of his 27 points in this quarter, most of them in the last four minutes of play, and putting a mild scare into the Acorns, but when the whistle blew Oak Knoll was still the victor by a score of 59-51.

Williams again was the leading Acorn scorer with 23 tallies, while Maxey tallied 13, and Cooper grabbed third scoring honors with 10. The leading scorer of the season for the Acorns is Williams with 81 points in six games. Maxey is second with 44 tallies.

## Staff Personalities



That clerk-typist behind dark glasses at the duty desk in the Record Office is Marilyn (Lynn) Ryan. At this job since August, 1952, her interest in Oak Knoll was inspired by weekly visits as a member of the Franciscan Club in conjunction with the Red Cross. Their purpose was to

entertain and talk to patients. After graduating from St. Elizabeth High, Oakland, and attending Willis Business College for a year, she became a USO hostess and initiated the program which brought girls to the hospital on Sundays to entertain amputees. Lynn's present plans are pinned on hopes for becoming a car owner and marrying that SK3 aboard the USS BELLATRIX, AKA-3.

Corpsman William Kinsella got out his needle and thread last month and sewed on a shiny new red stripe with a "crow" above it. Arriving at Oak Knoll in April, he was assigned to the hospital's busiest corner—the survey unit. He took recruit training at Newport and then went to sea on the USS VULCAN, striking for BMSN. Bill then was transferred to the USS FIRE DRAKE and traveled to a variety of ports, including Japan, Korea, and many islands in the Pacific. His next assignment took him to Corps School in San Diego in November, 1952. When Bill forsook civilian life in Yonkers, New York, for the Navy, he was working in a book store. He has prospects of going to college when he is out of Navy blues.



## Hospital Women Defeated by T. I.; Brenner Hoops 12

Even with Joyce Brenner slamming home 12 points, the female hoopsters lost their second game of the still young basketball season and the second contest in a row when they ran smack into a red-hot Treasure Island six, Thursday, 17 December. The score was 30-20, and it was the last game of 1953.

Paced by Joyce Brenner in the first period, the Knollites put three buckets through the hoop, but this wasn't good enough, as T.I. bettered the first quarter mark by two points. Shooting from the key, the Knoll females' defense tightened up, and the Oak Knoll club grabbed the lead and hung on until the end of the half. The board read: Oak Knoll 13, T.I. 12.

Treasure Island lost no time in the second half. They brought their offensive attack out of the deep freeze and dropped 12 tallies through the black ring. The locals retaliated with three points.

The damage was done, and each of T.I.'s shots acted like guided missiles. They tallied six more points. With all their "oomph" gone, the hospital women hit for four points only. The final score was 30-20 in favor of T.I.

The Knoll cagers hit better on the free throws in this contest, making 8 out of 15. Joyce Brenner led the attack with 12 points; Marge Sather, who fouled out for the second time in a row, dropped 4 through the iron ring; Carol McClellan potted 2; Barbara Kayser and Helen Kuchera (the latter a newcomer to the scoring circle) had 1 apiece.

## Cops Arrest Lab Five; CSR Wins

The Intrahospital Bowling League is rolling right along in this season of pin-busting. For the second time this season the Lab I team dropped its series, this time to the Cops. The CSR crew closed the gap between first and second place by winning their match over Lab II and are now only four games out of first.

The potent CPO club, still hanging on, won out over their opponents — Fin Pers, while the hot Mustangs downed EST I, to hold on to third place in the bowling league.

The Mustangs took over leadership in two departments, both held by the CPO's. Now the Mustangs lead the rest of the league with a team average of 733 and a 19,791 pinfall for 36 games.

### Intrahospital League standings:

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
1. Lab I	30	6	19,252
2. CSR	26	10	17,612
3. CPO	24	12	19,780
4. Mustangs	23	13	19,791
5. Dental*	20	12	16,285
6. Nurses II	22	14	17,858
7. Transportation	22	14	17,143
8. Fin Civs	21	15	18,283
9. X-Ray I*	18	14	17,389
10. EST I	19	17	17,603
11. ALD	18	18	18,715
12. Cops	18	18	17,541
13. X-Ray II	17	19	17,519
14. EST Students	14	22	17,649
15. Fin Pers	9	27	14,017
16. Nurses I	8	28	15,066
17. Lab II	7	29	16,320
18. N. P. Service	4	32	15,729

\*Make up series required.